THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Cultural atrophy: The decline of reading
page 2

New registrar hired
page 5

Inside

Virginia Coalition plays on green
page 9

Student spotlight: comic Klein
page 11

VOLUME CXXIV, ISSUE 1. *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

Board of trustees names new members

By Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

The Board of Trustees recently concluded a period of growth with the appointment of three new members at its annual spring meeting.

During the meeting, Paul Brucker '53, John Rosenberg '63 and Robert Wood were all elected and confirmed as new members of the Board.

Son of the late Scotty Wood, Robert Wood is not an alumnus and maintains business ties to Wood Dining Services.

Wood Dining, a subsidiary of Sodexho, currently is the dining service provider for the College.

Wood is the Chairman of Wood Dining and Executive Vice President for Client Development of Sodexho.

When asked about the potential ethical dilemma of having a Wood representative, who has influence over the dining services on campus, on the Board of Trustees, Randy Helm, President of the College, described it as nothing out of the ordinary.

According to Helm this is not the first time a Board member with business ties to the College has been elected to the Board.

In fact, Helm stated that there are "several Trustees that work for companies that we use that are already on the Board."

Although Helm was not able to confirm the exact amount, he was able to say with confidence that there were already at least two members who had other business ties to the College.

"This is a large institution with a lot of business interests," Helm said. "We can't avoid people we do business with."

To deal with these differing College and business issues, Helm noted certain safeguards that are built into the system that prevent conflict of interest situations from arising.

According to Helm, when each member is elected they must "sign a conflict of interest contract."

By signing the contract,

SEE **TRUSTEES** | PAGE 8

Alcohol abuse continues: six underage students sent to hospital

By Michelle Sartor
Asst. News Editor

During the first two weekends of school, there have been numerous alcohol violations on campus. So far this semester, six students have been sent to the hospital. Most of these individuals were first-year students, and all were underage. According to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, the amount of alcohol violations for the first two weeks is slightly higher than it has been in past years.

The bulk of the alcohol was consumed in student residence hall rooms. Lupole believes that the increase in violations and in individuals being sent to the hospital is due in part because underage students are pre-partying. Because underage students cannot be served, they are consuming alcohol in their rooms before they go out. Lupole said pre-partying "continues to be a concern and a problem."

In an effort to help curb the problem, there is an alcohol task force in effect. The Dean of Students' staff has been meeting to review the policies and procedures regarding alcohol. They have reviewed last year's alcohol violations and ranked them on a six-point scale where one represents the least offense and six represents a student being taken to the hospital. All of this information was presented to the alcohol task force for evaluation on Wednesday.

Last Friday, Lupole joined the Allentown Police Department in walking to off campus facilities, to speak with residents about their responsibilities when hosting guests. Lupole explained that it was a proactive measure. They introduced Bill 50 to residents, which describes disruptive conduct rules that the city of Allentown has enacted. Lupole said, "City police are not going to tolerate individuals providing alcohol to underage people."

Lupole said the proactive measure was successful in some cases but failed in others. An hour or two after talking to residents of one house, Allentown Police were called there and found alcohol violations.

In addition to speaking with off campus students, Lupole and the city police

SEE **ALCOHOL** | PAGE 7

Copyright laws raise course packet prices

Due to an increased effort to comply with copyright laws, course packet prices have risen.

Photo by Aaron Wagner

By Laura Russell
Asst. News Editor

In addition to finding long lines at the 'Berg Bookshop while buying numerous textbooks in preparation for the upcoming semester, students also encountered heavier price tags at the cash register. Many students are required to buy course packets for certain classes, and these packets rose significantly in price this year.

These course packets are oftentimes selected chapters from larger books that professors may choose to have copied if a given book is currently out of print. Course packets may also be printed so that students do not have to buy an entire textbook.

Muhlenberg's course packets are not printed by the publisher, but by a print shop or a company called XanEdu.

According to Joseph Hardenberg, Assistant Manager of the 'Berg Bookshop, it is very important to "make sure that the College is seeking copyright permission before printing these course packets."

Faculty must fill out a copyright clearance form and send it to the Copyright Clearance Center in Danvers, Massachusetts in order to receive permission.

Recently, Hardenberg attended a copyright clearance session held by the National Association of College Stores, where the importance of copyright clearance was discussed.

Upon returning to Muhlenberg, Hardenberg discovered a need to enhance procedures.

According to Hardenberg, not properly complying with the copyright laws "leaves the faculty and the bookstore open to any possible ramifications."

This semester, an increased effort to comply with the copyright laws has resulted in an additional rise in cost, a term Hardenberg refers to as "sticker shock."

Furthermore, seeking permission to copy materials can be very expensive. "Copyright fees depend on a number of different variables like the number of pages being copied, as well as the number of readers," stated Hardenberg.

Additionally, these copy-

SEE **COPYRIGHT** | PAGE 6

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

Ben Veghte
Assistant Managing Editor

While the students are away, the Board will play

Conflict of interest. With the appointment of Robert Wood to the Board of Trustees, "conflict of interest" is a "buzz phrase" for those students and faculty who are concerned about the ethical dilemna the situation presents. Due to the fact that Wood is the Chairman of Wood Dining, questions have been raised regarding Wood's ability to make decisions that are in the best interest of the College over what is right for Wood Dining Services.

While signing a conflict of interest contract may help eliminate some of this conflict, a greater issue is at stake in the selection of Board members. What qualifications is the Board preoccupied with when choosing new members? It is our hope that the most important feature of the ultimate leaders of the College is a deep involvement and emotional investment in the well-being of the College and its value system. Wood can certainly be said to have deep involvement in the College -- his family history speaks for itself. What is suprising and somewhat troubling in his selection is his lack of status as an alumnus. A person who has attended the College has four years of direct experience living and growing on campus. Such an experience is invaluable to someone making decisions regarding what happens at the institution. Instead of regarding the College's issues from a former-student perspective, a non-alumnus only has an outsider's view. .

Even if Wood is not allowed to vote on decisions regarding the dining services on Campus, his opinions on other issues are going to be guided by business interests rather than pure concern for what is right for the College and its students. It would be impossible to completely eliminate the connection between Wood's business and his serving on the Board, and this link may hurt the College in the end. This is neither a good position for Wood nor the College, as Wood is bound to be scrutinized for the decisions he makes, and these decisions, in turn, could be detrimental to the best interests of the College.

Cultural atrophy: the decline of reading

Amy Cookson
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Early 18th century writer Joseph Addison remarked, "reading is to the mind as exercise is to the body." Our minds are in very poor health.

In 2002, at the request of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Census Bureau conducted a survey of public participation in the arts. The NEA pulled the literary data from this survey and compared it to similar surveys from 1982 and 1992. *Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America*, the NEA report issued in July, found that reading is declining among all demographics and that the rate of decline is increasing.

Only 46.7 percent of the literate adult population read literature, which the NEA defines as novels, plays, poetry and short stories. Lest one be inclined to believe that literary reading is dropping because the population is reading more non-fiction, the study found that the literary decline parallels a drop in all book reading. In the last decade, the number of adults who read literature declined at a rate of 14 percent, while the number of those who read any book declined at a rate of 7 percent.

Only 42.8 percent of our age group read literature.

NEA Chair Dana Gioia explained, "Reading develops a capacity for focused attention and imaginative growth that enriches both private and public life. The decline in reading among every segment of the adult population reflects a general collapse in advanced literacy. To lose this human capacity-- and all the diverse benefits it fosters-- impoverishes both cultural and civic life."

The NEA study found that those who read are more likely to be engaged and involved in their com-

SEE **READING** | PAGE 3

I choose Mexico

Kate Arney-Cimino
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

"How was your summer?" "How was your semester in (insert country name here)?" "Great!" or "Amazing!" are some of the consistent answers I've heard. I don't know anyone who had a negative experience with study abroad, and no two experiences were the same. My experience in Monterrey, Mexico was terrific. I went as an independent student because Muhlenberg doesn't have a program there. I attended the Tec de Monterrey, which is located in the north of Mexico. The city of Monterrey offers fine restaurants and nightlife, and it is surrounded by mountains that are great for hiking and rock climbing. The city also has a center of commerce with many large companies that import and export materials to and from the United States: It's an excellent place for Business/Spanish majors.

The Tec de Monterrey campus was beautiful with many new, high-tech buildings, parks and many animals like ducks roaming about campus. There was a huge theater and dance life, many international kids from all around the world and wireless Internet that expanded to several blocks off campus. In addition to being a good country in which to study business, Mexico has a variety of landscapes to see. I visited small colonial towns with European architectural influence and cobblestoned streets, as well as the white sand beaches and colorful snorkeling of the Yucatan. There was something magical about the study abroad experience for me, as I've never lived so much in the present as I did during my time in Mexico.

Because I was in a foreign place, and only for a short time, I felt pressured, in a positive way, to seize all opportunities in terms of trying new foods, traveling and getting involved on campus both socially and academically. The life we have all made

SEE **MEXICO** | PAGE 3

Confessions of a former freshman

Thomas Pfeiffer
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

As students return, they may notice a lot of obvious differences on campus since they left back in May. The most striking difference has to be the new Life Sports Center, which gives any New York Sports Club a run for its money. However, there is something that is less apparent, but yet still holds a lot of importance: becoming a year older in the eyes of the College. As a sophomore, I feel a lot has changed over the past twelve months, and looking back on it, I reflect on how this change has transformed my experience on campus.

Upperclass dorm rooms have improved by the type of room, but so has the diversity of students with whom I live. Rooms are bigger and the amenities nicer, but living with juniors and seniors has made the transition to college life complete. I cannot help but feel a greater connection with the College now that I have had the opportunity to live with students in every class at school, and I am able to get a perspective of what lies ahead. I do not oppose first-year housing, as living exclusively with first-year students last year was a wonderful way to generate friendships and level the playing field. This year, having friends living in all different types of dorms throughout campus only facilitates integration and makes Muhlenberg more of a home rather than a school.

Raising the academic bar with higher level classes makes this year a springboard for choosing future scholastic endeavors. While the school mandates that a major be chosen at the end of a student's sophomore year, the status of being a major in a specialized area of study should catalyze a student's choice for a career. I cannot help but be excited to begin setting the foundation for the very subject around which my life will revolve.

One of the most desired upperclassmen perks has to be having the ability to bring your car back to campus, which reignites the same excitement I had when first receiving my driver's license. Picking up the keys and deciding on a destination has to be, in my opinion, the greatest freedom modern teenagers know. Driving to the theater, mall or supermarket at will and knowing that you live life on your own terms brings a sense of security.

However, the greatest advantage of sophomore standing is experience. Having been back on campus for just under two weeks, I cannot count the times I have said "Oh, freshmen!" I use this phrase not with annoyance, but with a sense of realization that last year I was making the same mistakes and pondering the same silly questions. Knowing what to expect cannot be acquired through any other means other than experience. Along with what can be learned from reading textbooks and attending class, the experience that is gained by living on campus can be equally as valuable.

Win $25,000

for grad school!

LAW • BUSINESS • GRADUATE
MEDICAL • DENTAL

Enter to win the Kaplan Gets You In...
And Pays Your Way Sweepstakes!

Who wins? One lucky person will win $25,000 toward the first year of law, business, graduate, medical or dental school.

How do I enter? Complete an official entry for online at **kaptest.com/25k**

When is the drawing? January 12, 2005.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. Open to legal residents of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia and Canada (excluding the Province of Quebec) and students residing ON A STUDENT VISA in these eligible jurisdictions who are eighteen (18) years of age or older as of August 11, 2004. LIMIT: One entry per person. All entries must be received or postmarked by October 31, 2004. For additional eligibility restrictions and instructions to enter, see the complete Official Rules, available at Kaplan centers and on campus sites in the U.S. and Canada, online at kaptest.com/25k, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to "Kaplan Gets You In...And Pays Your Way" Sweepstakes, 1440 Broadway, New York, NY 10018. Winner will receive $25,000 USD toward first-year tuition at a U.S. or Canadian graduate school. Odds of winning depend on number of eligible entries received. Participation in this promotion constitutes entrant's full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of the complete Official Rules. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED, TAXED OR OTHERWISE RESTRICTED. If you do not wish to receive notice of further Kaplan, Inc. promotions, contact us at Kaplan, Inc., Marketing Dept., 1440 Broadway, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10018.

KAPLAN®

Test Prep and Admissions

1-800-KAP-TEST
kaptest.com

"Beaters" take a beating at the new Life Sports Center

Laura Cabrera
Weekly Guest Columnist

We are only a few days into September, and already I am busting out my heavier clothing. No, I am not preparing for one of our famous Allentown blizzards; I'm heading over to the new Life Sports Center. Okay, so I am exaggerating-- the clothing is not really classified as "heavy," but the fact still remains that the school has imposed a minor dress code on students who want to use the new facilities.

Students can no longer wear tank-tops or other sleeveless shirts while exercising in the cardio loft or weight room. To be honest, I did not take this new rule seriously until a staff member from the Sports Center told me that I had to replace my "beater" with a t-shirt before entering the weight room.

From what I understand, the goal behind this rule is to prevent the new equipment from becoming sweaty. While I do agree that keeping the equipment in good condition is certainly important, I could not help but feel slightly annoyed with the rule and with the confrontation. Don't get me wrong, I love the new Sports Center and am extremely grateful to Muhlenberg for providing us with such a modern gym. However, this required dress code is a bit over the top.

The major issue here is comfort. Because the machines are inevitably going to become a little dirty regardless of what you are wearing, with the exception of maybe a raincoat, sleeves should not be a factor. Wearing a t-shirt, as opposed to a tank top, really doesn't prevent the machines from getting sweaty and does not significantly contribute to the total amount of sweat that gets on the equipment. T-shirts cannot stop perspiration from your face, hair or legs from coming into contact with the equipment.

In addition, if the students do not mind using equipment that might be sweaty, then there really is not a problem to fix. Personally, I really do not mind if someone else sweats on a machine before I use it, but for other students who do feel uncomfortable or disgusted, the Life Sports Center provides an easy solution. Stationed throughout the weight room and cardio loft are silver barrels containing sanitizing wipes. They look like giant moist towelettes that you get at KFC.

If the school is so concerned about the upkeep of the Sports Center, then maybe it can have the staff wipe the machines down every night during closing time. If the equipment was cleaned daily, there really would be no need to prohibit sleeveless tops. Even if wearing a tank-top did result in massive amounts of perspiration on the seated row or on the leg press, at least we know that these machines are being taken care of.

As I stated previously, I am all about comfort when working out. My traditional gym attire is a "beater," shorts and sneakers with my hair done up a-la Pebbles Flintstone. What I wear is not offensive to anyone (at least not that I know of), and it is appropriate for the atmosphere as well as temperature of the Life Sports Center, which is warm at most times due to a greater number of people now flocking to the center.

"So, t-shirts it is for now," I'm thinking, as I watch my suite-mate cut her own Hanes tee to fit her small frame. In the meantime, stock up on your Secret Platinum Protection or Old Spice Red Zone and exercise with extreme caution--I don't want to forfeit my right to wear shorts. And I don't want to go to the gym dressed like an Eskimo.

MEXICO

FROM PAGE 2

for ourselves at Muhlenberg is something we get to come back to after every summer. The life I created in Mexico is one I will never be able to come back to or recreate. Now more than ever, I realize that this was a one-time opportunity, and I'm so thankful I took it. I worked with the Study Abroad department to study in Mexico, but it was only with my letter writing and eventually the phone call of a parent that made my study abroad dream a reality.

I believe Mexico is an obvious choice for study abroad since it is our sister country and, politically, we are so involved with them, yet I was surprised at how hard it was for me to go.

The option Muhlenberg offers for Spanish majors to study abroad is with an institute in Spain-not a college or a university, but an institute. Why wouldn't Muhlenberg want to approve a school in Mexico, such as the Tec, that schools like Cornell, the University of Michigan, and other prestigious schools send their Spanish majors to? The benefit of this university in Mexico is that the encounters made at this school are life altering. For example, during my semester at the Tec, I met Laura Bush, the president of FEMSA, the company behind Coca-Cola, Fanta and Tecate, the president of the Tec system and a Texan senator. I also met students from all around the globe, only one of whom was from New York.

So Muhlenberg, I beg you, make it easier for the next study abroad class to have the option to choose Mexico. "Go west young man" and Muhlenberg, please commit to educate the whole person through experiences beyond the classroom like the one I had.

Oh, and the water was safe to drink.

READING

FROM PAGE 2

munities. Readers are three times as likely to attend a performing arts event, nearly four times as likely to visit an art museum, two and a half times more likely to perform volunteer or charity work and over one and half times more likely to attend sporting events.

"America can no longer take active and engaged literacy for granted," warned Gioia. "As more Americans lose this capability, our nation becomes less informed, active and independent minded. These are not qualities that a free, innovative or productive society can afford to lose."

Our age group, the 18-24 demographic, has the sharpest rate of decline: 28 percent. Only 42.8 percent of us read literature. We don't read, and we don't vote. We are the future. Please draw your own conclusions.

Why aren't we reading? There is some correlation between time spent playing video games or watching television compared to time spent reading, but Lara Croft and *The Bachelor* are not entirely at fault. There are likely as many theories and explanations as there are genres and subgenres of literature.

Perhaps somewhere along the way reading became too much of a chore. Maybe we lost the ability to care about the characters and involve ourselves in their lives because we were too busy analyzing in preparation for the essays and exams we are responsible for completing.

I don't have answers, only concern. If you've read this far, I leave you with two thoughts. The first is from Ray Bradbury, author of the book-burning novel *Fahrenheit 451*. The second is from Azar Nafisi, author of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, the best book I read this summer.

"You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them."

"A novel is not an allegory...It is the sensual experience of another world. If you don't enter that world, hold your breath with the characters and become involved in their destiny, you won't be able to empathize, and empathy is at the heart of the novel. This is how you read a novel: you inhale the experience. So start breathing."

Do you read books?
Write for OP/ED!
Contact Amy Cookson x4023

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Managing Editor
Ben Veghte, Asst. Managing Editor

OPEN, News Editor
OPEN, OP/ED Editor
John Dunphy, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
Julie Strasser, Focus Editor

Rob Kandel, Photography Editor
OPEN, Business Manager
Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, Michelle Quirk, Asst. News Editors
Amy Cookson, Max Lux, Asst. OP/ED Editors
Robin DiCicco, Asst. Life! Editor
OPEN, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Melinda Matthews, Asst. Business Manager
OPEN, Design Consultant

Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Sveta Shah, Head Copy Editors
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St[illegible]
Allentown, Pa. 18104

Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187
E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website:
www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors, and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7 p.m. Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in- Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

All Rights Reserved ©

Registrar to bring experience, continuity to College

By Laura Russell
Asst. News Editor

While the College had high expectations for Sophia Robles, who was hired as the new Registrar during the spring 2003 semester, Robles recently left the position in order to pursue other interests.

In response to the open position, the College performed a national search during the summer, in which a wide range of candidates was reviewed.

Dr. Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College, emphasized that the registrar position is "crucial to the institution." Records must be kept current to ensure that the value of an individual's credentials remain accurate twenty years from now.

The Registrar must make sure that academic policies are followed in order for degrees to be certified. "This gives the outside world confidence that our diplomas are valid," Hass stated.

According to Hass, the College was looking for someone with a "strong background and understanding of the important function of the registrar, someone who would feel at home in this institution."

After a diligent search, the College hired Deborah Tamte-Horan to take on the critical role of registrar. Tamte-Horan previously held the position of Director of Registration at St. Cloud University in Minnesota and, prior to that, was the Associate Registrar at Wheaton College.

According to Hass, Tamte-Horan stood out due to her long experience as registrar in a variety of educational contexts. Hass stated that Tamte-Horan is "a clear thinker who has a visionary sense of how the office should be transformed. She also has a customer service approach."

When asked what she hopes to accomplish, Tamte-Horan commented that her first goal is to learn more about Muhlenberg and to get a sense of its current procedures.

"I am interested in the computer system and hope to work with others to streamline its processes to make them easier to use for both students and staff," stated Tamte-Horan.

In addition, she hopes to look into the possibility of web registration but still wishes to "maintain the personal touch that the staff in the Registrar's Office has always tried to provide."

Tamte-Horan also commented that although she has interviewed and worked for other universities, when she came to Muhlenberg, she "felt" that this is where she wanted to be. "I liked the campus, the people and the environment. I am thrilled to now be a part of Muhlenberg," she stated.

In addition to hiring Tamte-Horan as the College's new Registrar, other changes have been made within the office.

Karen Schall has contributed greatly to the office by taking on many of the Registrar's responsibilities while the College has been searching for someone to fill the position.

Schall, who has been working in the office for the past twenty years, was recently promoted to Assistant Registrar.

Her responsibilities will include managing the office and ensuring that processes are completed properly and on time.

Schall will also continue to evaluate transfer credit and process graduation audits.

In addition, Nicole Hammel, a 2001 Muhlenberg graduate, was identified as Director of Institutional Research and Records.

Her role involves conducting surveys among students and faculty for both internal land external reporting. Hammel will also edit the college *Source Book*.

College mourns death of valued employee

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

Wilson "Willie" Hendricks, a beloved employee in the Muhlenberg equipment room, was killed in a car accident on Monday, July 26; he was 60 years old.

The news stunned both the Athletics department and the entire College Community. Hendricks had the longest tenure of any employee at the College.

He began working in the Maintenance department in 1967 and moved to the equipment room in 1981, such that thousands of athletes came to know "Willie" over the years. "Every athlete since 1964 or 1965 knew him," said Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations.

For 35 years, Hendricks worked in the Maintenance department at the College. One day, while Hendricks watched football practice, the late Ray Whispell, the Football Coach and Athletics director at that time, asked him if he wanted a maintenance job. Hendricks agreed, and for the next 13 years, he helped line the playing fields, trim the grass and during the winter, paint in Memorial Hall.

In 1981, Hendricks began working in the equipment room. "Muhlenberg College and its athletic program were an important part of Willie's life for 40 years," said Sam Beidleman, Director of Athletics. "He was a permanent fixture around here."

In the time that Hendricks worked at the College, he saw many changes take place in the Athletics department. "I've seen a lot of coaches come and go," said Hendricks, during his interview for the 2003 issue of the Muhlenberg Magazine. In addition to being the College's Equipment Manager, Hendricks contributed to the overall functioning of the Athletics department.

When there was a problem, he was there to help. He was willing to drive sports teams to and from the airport on a day when everyone else was at home enjoying a holiday.

"Willie has done things like this over and over throughout his career at Muhlenberg, little behind-the-scenes things that add up over time," said Dave Madeira, the current men's basketball coach, who ranks second in Athletics department tenure with 22 years. "An equipment manager is sometimes taken for granted."

For his contributions to the basketball programs in particular and to all the teams in general, Hendricks received the Community Service Award prior to the 2002 Scotty Wood Tournament. On receiving this award in 2002, Hendricks said, "I was very surprised. With all that was going on in my life since the beginning of the year it's good to get this award. I guess somebody up above is watching over me."

A lifelong resident of Allentown, Hendricks was not only a respected individual at the College, but was also well known around the Lehigh Valley sports scene.

The College and surrounding community have felt a painful loss.

"Those of us who worked with him and counted him as a friend think about him often," said Beidleman, "and so do those student-athletes who came to know him over those many years." According to Beidleman, the equipment room will be named in his honor. "As we prepare for the first big weekend of Muhlenberg athletic competition, it becomes increasingly evident that this place will not be

$25 just for opening an account? Sweet!

Totally FREE Student Checking.

You could win $20,000 in the Sovereign Campus Cash Sweepstakes!

Money on your mind? Open a Totally FREE Student Checking* account. You'll get lots of great features that make managing your money easy and convenient, like free NetBanking and BillPay. A no-annual-fee Sovereign Visa* CheckCard. And free transfers from your parents' account! We'll even give you a $25 Thank-You Bonus† just for opening the account. Plus, we'll enter you to win up to $20,000 in Sovereign Bank's Campus Cash Sweepstakes℠!†† For details, stop by, call, or visit us on the web.

1.877.SOV.BANK (768.2265)
www.sovereignbank.com/student

Sovereign Bank

Lecture discusses the ethics of fear and disability

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

Dr. Diane Price Herndl of Iowa State University's Department of English, gave a presentation entitled "Hate and the Uncanny Body: Treating 'Rational Fear' with Feminist Ethics; Or, the Strange Cases of Nike and the Supreme Court," on Tuesday evening in Moyer Forum. The presentation discussed how individuals can treat the fear that many people exhibit when faced with the disabled.

Herndl's presentation focused on both a court case and a Nike advertisement to support her argument.

Herndl used the case, Alabama versus Garrett, to highlight her argument that individuals must look on the disabled with a "reasonably favorable eye." Garrett, a nurse with breast cancer, had been forced by her boss to leave her job at the University of Alabama's hospital, even though Garrett was completely capable of completing the tasks at her job.

Herndl was troubled by the language used in the case and asked questions such as, "Why are people threatened by others with disabilities?"

Herndl pointed out that the Americans with Disabilities Act has attempted to change people's attitudes toward those with disabilities and has made many innovations with regard to making mobility easier for those with disabilities. Despite these advancements, she believes that society must still see individuals with disabilities differently. To Herndl, many individuals see a state of their own infancy, a return to a lack of control, and see a projection of their own fears in a disabled individual. Specifically, she says, "We must see enough similarity with the disabled body to take that other person seriously. We must take that person as he or she is, not what we think we would want if we were in that situation."

One message that was reiterated during the presentation was that humans have a deep dependence on one another, but this dependence often becomes hidden. To realize that individuals with disabilities are equally as dependent on others as those without disabilities would allow us a more "reasonably favorable eye" with which to view disabilities.

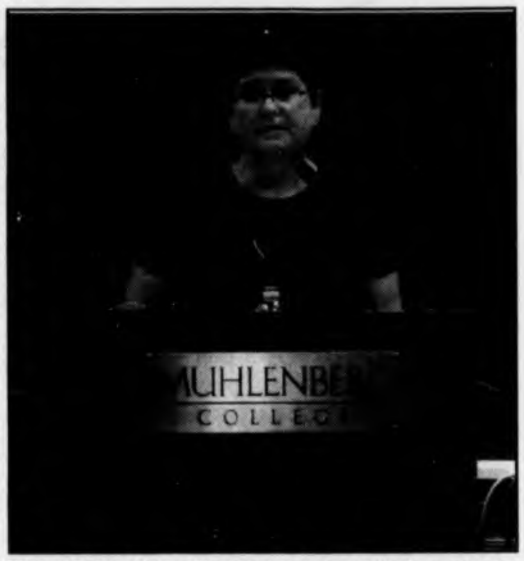
Muhlenberg faculty also offered comments on the presentation. Dr. Dan Wilson of the History Department, Dr. Patrice DiQuinzio of the Philosophy Department and Director of the Women's Studies Program, and Dr. Jeremy Teissere of the Biology Department offered their insights.

The lecture and panel discussion served as a joint kick-off event for the Center's fall program and the Faculty Humanities Seminar on Disability Studies.

The Center for Ethics, directed by Dr. Lisa Prfetti, provides a forum for engagement with specific ethical issues as they arise on campus.

It also provides opportunities for critical, reflective thinking about individual and collective values. In addition, it presents opportunities to develop skills that contribute to moral leadership and responsible action. It also promotes character education with particular attention to a set of core values that reflect the College's mission, including honesty, curiosity, responsibility and hope.

Through its special events and thematic lectures, the Center emphasizes opportunities for continuing "hands-on" development of our powers for ethical reflection, moral leadership and responsible action. The Center's programs are designed to engage students in intensive, reflective thinking about individual and collective values.



Diane Price Herndl gives a presentation marking the first event of the semester for the Center for Ethics.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Weekend Weather		
Friday	Saturday	Sunday
☁	☀	⛅
Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 58	High: 78 Low: 58	High: 80 Low: 60

COPYRIGHT

FROM PAGE 1

right fees are then built into the charge of the reader, making course packets expensive.

According to Hardenberg, in order to "decrease the cost to students in the short-term, there will be no additional markup on the course packets." Typically course materials are marked up in order to cover ordering and shipping costs for which the bookstore must pay.

Furthermore, Hardenberg will be teaming up with Kelly Cannon, Humanities Reference Librarian at Trexler Library, and Terry Collings, Instructional Technologist from the Office of Information and Technology, to come up with more long-term solutions. "We will devise a plan to help faculty order materials and will also make recommendations to the Provost and faculty," says Hardenberg.

Hardenberg, Collings, and Cannon also plan on putting together a FAQ brochure for the faculty in order to inform them about copyright laws and procedures.

"We are also looking into planning a presentation or workshop on having proper copyright compliance, put on by people in that field, for the faculty," stated Hardenberg.

Hardenberg also mentioned that the library plans to place more books and articles on reserve, so that students will not have to purchase materials.

OFF CAMPUS

INTERSTATE 78 CRASH KILLS YOUNG WOMAN

Hellertown, Pa – A young woman driving a black sedan was killed Monday night on the westbound lane of Interstate 78. A male passenger was also in the car but was not seriously injured.

According to witnesses, at approximately 7:00 p.m., the woman's car traveled from the eastbound to the westbound lanes where it was hit by a minivan.

The driver's side of the woman's vehicle was completely crushed, pinning the woman in the car.

The individuals in the minivan sustained minor injuries and were taken to a local hospital.

One witness said the woman could not have been older than 20. He said he felt for a pulse, but could not find one.

After the accident, police could not confirm the woman's identity or the cause of the accident.

The accident caused traffic on both sides of Interstate 78 to be backed up for miles.

The witness said that he had never seen anything like it before.

NO REGULATION FOR TATTOOS, PIERCINGS

Bethlehem, Pa – Bethlehem's Health Bureau recently checked piercing and tattoo parlors for evidence of outbreaks.

Judy Maloney, Health Director has instead started a campaign to educate people on safety procedures the tattoo and piercing artists should be using.

Diseases such as hepatitis can be easily spread due to the use of dirty needles and careless procedures.

In the Lehigh Valley, parlors only need a local business license. Only a few areas, such as Philadelphia, monitor and regulate tattoo and piercing parlors.

Legitimate parlors are not usually a problem. However, untrained tattoo artists, known as "scratchers," are the ones that are often the source of infection.

Bethlehem's medical director, Dr. Anthony Matejicka, found that there have not been significant increases in infectious diseases caused by body art in the past ten years.

As a result, he concluded there would be no justification for regulating parlors.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Student Council funding stretched thin

By Christina Liciaga
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The Student Council vision for this school year- "to become a serious resource for students... and firm our place in the governance of the school"- is, as Student Body President Michael Yellin admits, an innovation. This romantic appeal is spearheaded by a three-tier effort: self-correction, marketability and inspiration.

Newly elected as of last spring, Yellin plans first and foremost to remedy the internal flaws of council, namely governing roles and procedural changes.

Secondarily, he hopes that the Student Council will become a marketable and comfortable environment for students and encourage student participation.

Initiatives for this latter goal include monthly Fire Side Chats with the Student Body President, a Student Council Quarterly Newsletter and mandatory office hours for Student Council Representatives.

The increased availability of council members will make students more aware of Student Council's proceedings--both their success and neglect as Yellin candidly addressed.

> *"[Funds] directly affect not only the organization, but the shows themselves."*
>
> Adam Pinti '06
> MTA President

He also hopes to afford Student Council the opportunity to relate to and therefore fairly represent the Student Body.

The petition for fairness in Student Council-Student Body proceedings is most tangibly applied to finances.

As the governance of the Student Body, Student Council is responsible for allocating the student activities fees to clubs and organizations on campus.

Yellin admits there is a "tight rope when dealing with finances," and his vacillation is echoed by Kim Nguyen, newly elected as Student Council Treasurer, who admits it is difficult to determine how much to give each club, particularly because "there are so many wonderful, diverse groups."

This difficulty escalates, per Yellin, to an "impossibility to accommodate 2,125 students with a set budget."

He therefore encourages organizations to fundraise and asks them to understand that "their priority is not always the first priority."

> *"[It's an] impossibility to accommodate 2,125 students with a set budget."*
>
> Mike Yellin '05
> Student Body President

For larger organizations, particularly Muhlenberg Theatre Association (MTA), the threat of funding, or lack therefore, is of increasing concern.

MTA is a direct reflection of the efforts and successes of Muhlenberg's nationally ranked Theatre department.

Adam Pinti, President of MTA, admits that loss of Student Council supported funds will "directly affect not only the organization, but the shows themselves."

Last spring, MTA presented an early allocations budget of approximately $59,000 to Student Council, a significant increase from the year prior.

Due to an ambiguity in expenditures, Student Council tabled the discussion until this fall, asking the MTA to itemize their budget with explanations of various expenses.

The Finance Committee, which is headed by Nguyen, will review the revised budget in the weeks upcoming and make a final decision on how much will be awarded not only to MTA, but also to the plethora of other organizations on Muhlenberg's campus during regular allocations.

. The complexity of MTA's position, particularly in dealing with finances, is primarily due to their relationship with the Theater department.

Unlike most student organizations, MTA as well as Muhlenberg Dance Association (MDA), have a unique relationship with their specialized department.

This relationship proves both demanding as well as intricate.

Students must complete a set of requirements to become a member, and they may lose audition privileges if membership status is compromised.

This is due to the fact that much of the financial and administrative obligations overlap and intertwine between the department and student-run organization.

In fact, Liz Colpo who just recently resigned from her position as MTA treasurer, admitted that although she knew there were department funds, she did not know the amount, its application or its effect on the MTA as a whole.

Such obscurities and difficulties combined with the appointment of a new MTA treasurer make this tabled financial dilemma one that will take careful consideration, multiple meetings, and discussion on funding sources to adequately resolve.

ALCOHOL

FROM PAGE 1

captain stopped at some M.I.L.E. houses. Students living in these facilities, however, sign a lease which indicates they are not allowed to have parties.

There are serious consequences for alcohol violations. Lupole said, "Those individuals that are proven to possess or consume alcohol underage are sent through the judicial process."

Individuals sent to the hospital are not only subject to the judicial process, but may also face criminal prosecution since an Allentown ambulance is called and the city police are involved.

Individuals caught serving alcohol to underage students will also be sent through the judicial process.

If this occurs off campus and the city police are called, the owners or leasers of the residence will be arrested.

Serving to underage individuals is a misdemeanor crime that goes on an individual's permanent record.

Even if students are just written up on campus, an employer may ask for the information and if the proper paperwork is signed, it will be released.

Lupole said he often hears that consuming alcohol is an individual crime but he said it affects a lot of other people and their quality of life. He said, "Underage consumption of alcohol causes problems for good kids in resident halls. It disrupts their living environment and that's wrong."

In addition to being an inconvenience for those sharing dorm rooms, bathrooms, and common areas, the expense needs to be absorbed by all students.

If a student destroys school property in his or her residence hall after excessive drinking, the money for repairs comes from all students.

Lupole said one of the biggest fears with regard to alcohol is the possibility of tragedy.

"Someday, someone may not find the kid passed out on the bench, and then we're dealing with a death. It's a big concern."

Although there have already been six students sent to the hospital, Lupole said, "National statistics say we should have five times that amount."

Microsoft
NOTE TO SELF: Take smarter notes.

Microsoft® Office OneNote® 2003 helps you keep it all together. Class notes. Lecture recordings. Web research you pulled at 2 a.m. With OneNote 2003 you never have to stress about where they're at. It's a note-taking program that gives you one place to take, organize, and find what you need—easily.

Microsoft Office OneNote 2003

Try it free for 60 days.

Go to www.muhlenbergweekly.com/onenote

© 2004 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. Microsoft, the Office logo, and OneNote are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and/or other countries.

TRUSTEES

FROM PAGE 1

Helm said that the Trustee is in essence saying that he or she will be "aware and avoid conversations or votes that have a conflict of interest."

Helm further noted that there are several penalties in place for Trustees who fail to sign the policy form.

"Trustees who have not completed and submitted the form are not allowed to participate," said Helm.

Helm spoke with confidence on the importance of the contract as a deterrent of conflicting situations. Helm said, "It puts relationships in the open air so everyone is aware."

Helm said that a possible conflict of interest between Wood and the dining services on campus is an "obvious thing to worry about."

However, he said that any possible decisions made by the Board concerning Wood Dining and its business with the College will be "identified in advance" to avoid this concern in the future.

Helm said that as of now there are three more years left in the contract with Sodexho before renegotiations begin for a new contract.

Thus it should not be of a concern at this time to weary Community members who see Wood's appointment as a conflict of interest.

"We are not negotiating the contract now, but when it happens Bob Wood will not be participating," stated Helm.

When asked of his recent appointment, Wood said that he was aware and responsive to the concerns of community members.

He said that as of now he has signed the conflict of interest contract and submitted it to the Board as he is required to do.

"I have disclosed this information," Wood said, "so I don't get involved in decisions about that relationship."

Although he acknowledged a possible conflict of interest dilemma with the appointment of Wood to the Board, Helm spoke enthusiastically of the valuable assets Wood will bring to the Board.

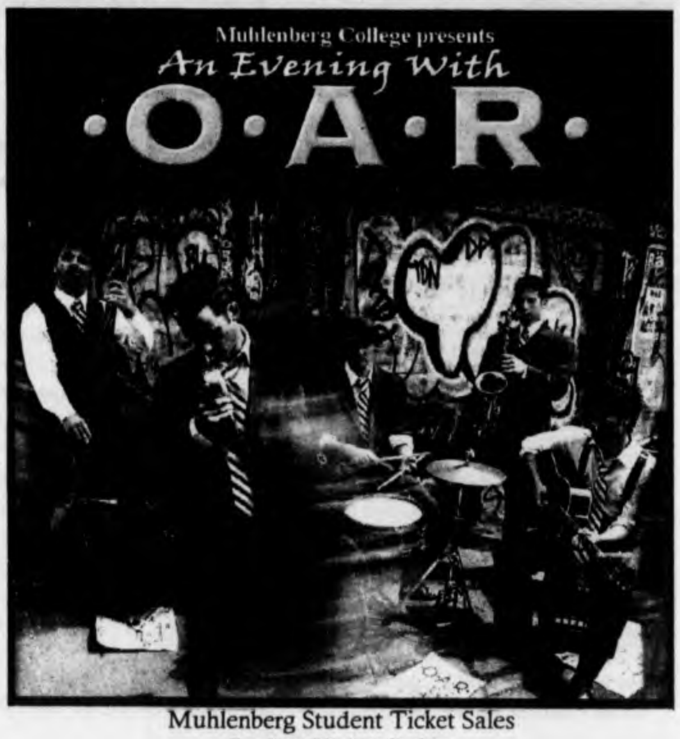
"Robert Wood's whole family has been involved with the College for over 40 years."

With the well-known Scotty Wood as his father, Wood has been a frequent visitor of the College for decades.

"He is very dedicated to this place," commented Helm.

In addition to his personal dedication to the College, Wood also brings with him his personal dedication to the Lehigh Valley in making decisions of the future of the College.

"He is an involved leader of the Lehigh Valley Community," Helm said. "It is really helpful to have people from the Valley involved."



Muhlenberg Student Ticket Sales
Student Union Lobby
September 13-24th (Monday-Friday) 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Muhlenberg Students Only may purchase 2 tickets at $15
Muhlenberg students and staff may purchase unlimited additional tickets at $20
TO ORDER TICKETS AFTER September 24th
www.muhlenberg.tickets.musictoday.com or 800-594-TIXX (8499)
NO ON CAMPUS SALES AFTER September 24

Campus Safety Notes

Aug. 26 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm sounded in Brown Hall speculated to have been caused by dust from a shop vacuum.

Aug. 26 – Sick Visitor – A visitor to the campus had trouble breathing in the Life Sports Center and was transported to Muhlenberg branch of Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Aug. 26 – Theft – A grass trimmer was stolen from the rear of a pickup truck on Liberty Street.

Aug. 27 – Theft – An 8-ft. table that was set up in front of the Chapel for move-in day events was stolen.

Aug. 28 – Theft – A wallet was reported stolen from a room in Brown Hall after the student returned from the shower, but the wallet was then found in a coat pocket in the room. The case has been cleared.

Aug. 28 – Vehicle Violation – An individual was caught riding a mini-bike on the lawn by the tennis courts. Mini-bikes are prohibited on Muhlenberg property and in the city of Allentown.

Aug. 28 – Theft – An individual attempted to steal a case of Yuengling beer and four cans of another brand of beer from the Shankweiler building, but fled before he could be identified. The drinks were reported to have been left over from a faculty mixer.

Aug. 28 – Injured Student – A student cut himself with a Swiss army knife while unpacking and was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Aug. 28 – Alcohol Violation – Eighteen students were caught with alcohol inside a room in East Hall. Nine of those individuals arrived shortly before the RA entered the room and were not charged with an alcohol violation. The other nine students have been referred to the judicial process.

Aug. 29 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm sounded in the basement of Prosser Hall.

Aug. 29 – Alcohol Violation – Sixteen individuals were caught with alcohol inside a room in Benfer Hall. The situation is under investigation, and it is unclear how many of the students will be referred to the judicial process.

Aug. 29 – Indecent Assault – A student was reported to have been touched inappropriately by another individual. The situation is under investigation.

Aug. 29 – Campus Code Violation – An individual was found to have an oxygen tank in a room in Prosser Hall. The College does not allow storage of compressed gases.

Aug. 29 – Injured Student – Wood fell on a student's hand due to repairs being made in her room. Her fingers swelled, and she was transported to the Cedar Crest and I-78 branch of Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Aug. 29 – Sick Student – During opening convocation, a student felt faint and was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Aug. 30 – Injured Student – A student's foot was cut by a piece of glass. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Aug. 31 – Alcohol Found – Alcohol was found in the common area of a suite in South Hall, but all of the residents are at least 21, thus no charges will be filed.

Sept. 1 – Theft – A neighbor reported that his Bush/Cheney sign had been stolen from his front lawn at 2206 Chew Street.

Sept. 1 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm sounded at 2135 Chew Street at 4:44 a.m. and again at 5:05 a.m. Electricians were called in to change the smoke detector.

Sept. 1 – Trespassing – Three non-students were caught on skateboards between South and Robertson Halls. All were given a warning as skateboarding can lead to destruction of campus property.

Sept. 2 - Check the Welfare - A student who was found to be sick was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 3 – Forgery – A student attempted to forge a professor's name on a registration worksheet at the Registrar and was referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 3 – Vehicle Violation – One of the college vans was reported by an off-campus individual to be driving recklessly. The driver was identified, and the case has been closed.

Sept. 4 – Alcohol Violation – An intoxicated student found in the Prosser Hall parking lot was transported to the hospital and referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 4 – Institutional Vandalism – A tree limb was vandalized and broken by the Trexler Library parking lot.

Sept. 4 – Theft – A cell phone was stolen from the GQ.

Sept. 5 – Disorderly Conduct – A student was found screaming obscenities at the city police on 21st Street. Because he was 21, he was not arrested but was referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 5 – Disorderly Conduct – A student was found urinating on trees at the corner of 23rd and Gordon Streets and was referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 5 - Vandalism - A group of visitors who had a tailgate party left trash on the East quad.

Sept. 6 – Campus Code Violation – A hazing activity is said to have occurred.

WEEKLY life!

"Life is good; without it we'd all be dead"

- Hannah

Virginia Coalition rocks in PA

By Falynn Bleiberg
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

What better way to spend the first Saturday back at Muhlenberg than with Virginia Coalition on our very own front lawn? Following an opening set by Dexter Freebish, known mostly for their hit, "Leaving Town," they took to the stage with bright smiles under sunny skies.

Despite students chomping down at the barbeque, bungee jumping Jersey shore style and boxing in a large blow up pit right next to the stage, the band held their chins high and unleashed an energetic "This Is Him." Lead singers Andrew Thunder and Steve Dawson urged the crowd to stand up and come closer to the stage, pointing out that VACO (the name given to them by their fans) "believes in the power of energy, and you are showing us none." This was enough for a small throng of students, as they wearily approached the stage.

All inhibitions disappeared as VACO launched into "Lonely Cowboy." Although the song was a hit amongst the students attending the show, even more entertaining than the songs were the antics of the band members. Percussionist John Patrick broke a drum stick while Dawson tossed Rice Krispie treats into the crowd. With tight covers of Blackstreet's "No Diggity" and The Beatles' "We Can Work It Out," VACO easily expanded their fan base and sparked curiosity about their originals.

Neo-funk "Walk To Work" and the airy "Luminiferous Ether" seemed to be crowd favorites, and soon the band's energy on stage was fairly reciprocated by the audience. VACO rounded out their set with "Jerry Jermaine," which included a stand out performance courtesy of bassist Paul Ottinger. Throwing the remains of their Rice Krispie treat stash out to the crowd and admiring the faction of their expanded fan base, VACO graciously thanked everyone for coming out and then bowed off the stage.

VACO is often dismissed as a typical college rock band, but seeing their live performance will sway this generalization. The band's incredible on-stage energy is contagious, and not only comes through in the music, but also in the aesthetics of the performance. Seeing VACO live is an imperative experience and will justify why they are finding success in constant touring.

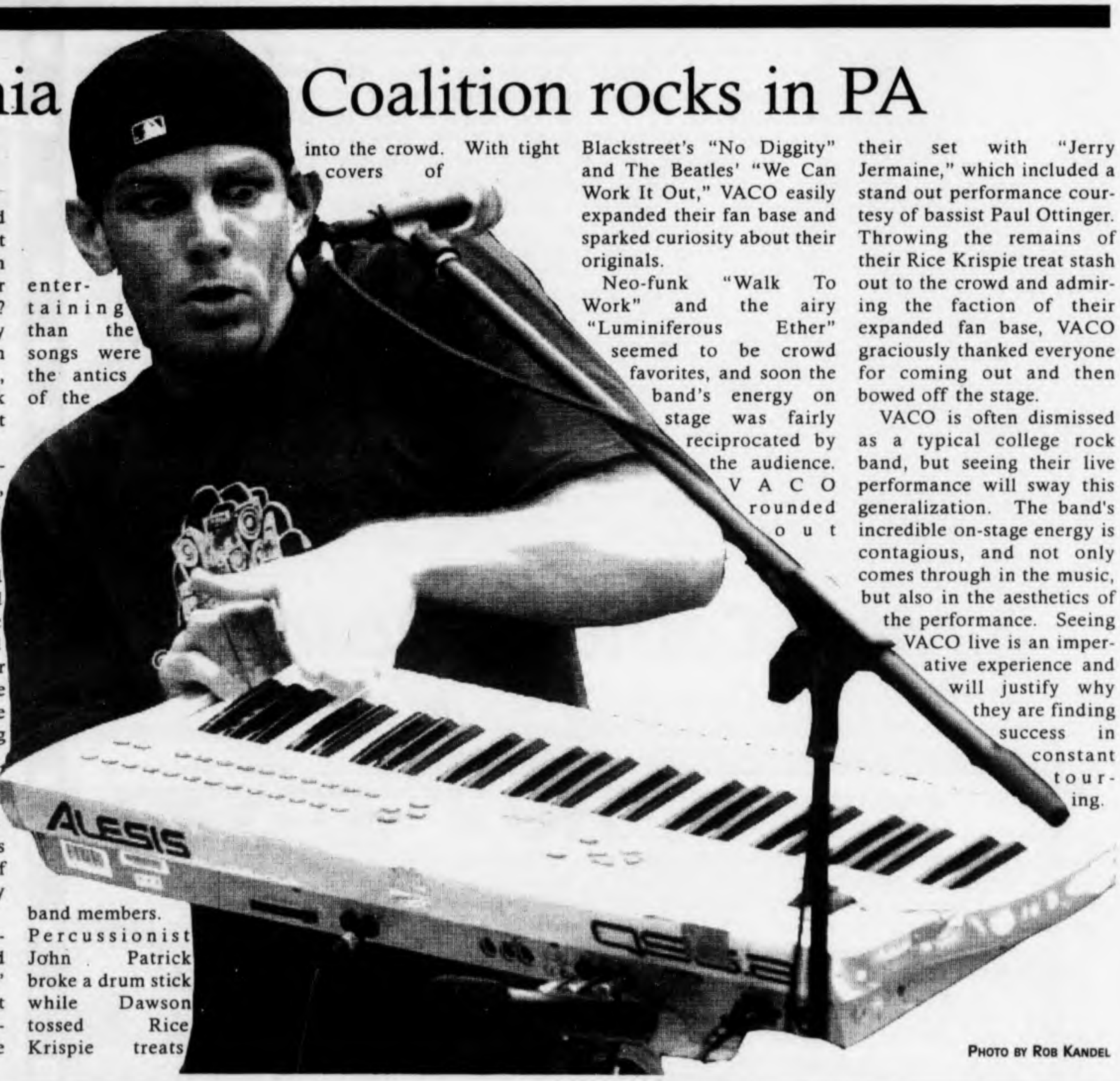
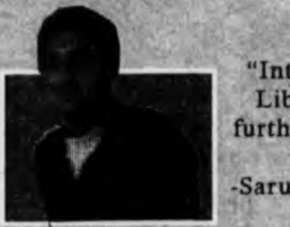


PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT CLASS DID YOU REALLY HOPE TO GET SIGNED IN TO?



"Introduction to Librarians. No further comment."

-Sarun Thomas '06

"Is reality just a dream? I want to know the truth"

-Evan Sforza '07

"Introduction to coloring books. I can never color inside the lines."

-Elana Rabinowitz '07

"Sexology 401."

-Caffrey Garff '06

"Law and Order Analysis"

-Megan Finnegan '07

COMPILED BY ROBIN DECICCIO

Letterman letdown doesn't show lack of interest in activities

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

Flyers were plastered all over the school. The College's Internet calendar stated what would be going on. Even Channel 5 was covering a teaser for the event. There were to be auditions for "Stupid Human Tricks" for *The Tonight Show with David Letterman*. If someone were to go to see the show; however they would be very disappointed.

Brian Tetta, Talent Coordinator for the *Tonight Show*, had called Becky Grace, Director of Student Activities, several weeks ago. He had said that he was passing through the area and was willing to come to the College and hold auditions for the segment. Sign-ups for it were in the Student Life Office and things should have run without a hitch. Unfortunately, not a single student signed up.

Grace feels that students were more than willing to watch the people perform, but that they didn't want to actually do anything themselves. "It takes a certain personality to get up on stage." She also believes that the event might have been too early in the year. "We didn't plan this. He was just coming to town so we said 'Ok.'" The Talent Coordinator was on his way to Cedar Beach for a promotion for B104 Radio Station and thought that students at a local college would be interested.

"He [the Talent Coordinator] more than understood," stated Grace. Even though the show didn't go on, she believes that this particular instance in no way shape or form is going to define turnouts for the rest of the activities throughout the year.

All of the other events this weekend had been very well received, and she has high hopes for the rest of the year. "The drive-in was packed. Virginia Coalition was packed. The Activities Fair went extremely well." said Grace proudly.

"We have a lot going on this weekend," said Grace. "17th Floor, Usher's former band is here. Graham Colton is coming. There is the Student Band Fest."

Grace explained that the recent findings of the Programming Board, a group of student leaders who devise ways of enhancing campus life, show students prefer quality over quantity. Essentially, several major events are more favorable than a multitude of smaller ones. "The only problem is, students have to understand that when you have bigger events, money flows a lot faster."

Although there are activities planned for every weekend, Grace still encourages students to look beyond what the school provides in entertainment. "A big thing is that students need to learn how to make their own entertainment."

Review Corner: *Paparazzi*

The only thing flashy was the cameras

By Robert Plonskier
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

During the first moments of *Paparazzi*, a thriller produced by the saintly Mel Gibson, we are introduced to our hero, Bo Laramie, an up-and-coming movie star who is straight out of Montana and has managed to land himself the leading role of an action film with the generic, "But-we-couldn't-think-of-anything-else" title of *Adrenaline Force*. We see our protagonist, played by the relatively unknown Cole Hauser, seated in a limo as it crawls through a crowd of seething fans, all of whom we see in a flurry of quick, dizzying shots that were edited by someone who needs to sit down for a little while and think things over. An audience can not appreciate a film if it makes them nauseus. Beside him sits his beautiful, loving wife, Abby, and his button-nosed, Jonathan Lipnicki-esque son, both of who we can safely assume will at some point or another during the course of the film be violated and/or viciously maimed.

And so the pay-off judiciously occurs fifteen minutes into the story when, during a casual night out-on-the-town, Bo and his family are assailed by a motorcade of grizzly, cigarette-smoking paparazzum who have absolutely no regard for humanity. The intervention causes a near-fatal car accident, bloody wife and unconscious son and all. The troupe of picture-snatchers, which includes Daniel Baldwin as a hooligan and Tom Sizemore as the ringleader, then soullessly proceed to take photos of the wreckage in the filmmakers blatant disregard for what human beings are actually like in times of another's crisis.

Yet it comes as no surprise that the creators of this film, which is directed by Paul Abascal, who is Mel Gibson's hairstylist (no joke), and written by some guy who's better off unnamed, are so out of touch with reality. The outdated and untimely subject matter concerning the ill effects of a ravenous media seems to have floated down the river with the swift and sudden loss of Princess Di. This lead to an ensuing "Does a human give up their private life to be in the spotlight? / Are we a celebrity-obsessed culture?" hoopla. A scene where Tom Sizemore, in an attempt to win over two women at a bar, goes on some spiel about the ethical standing of his occupation. It is a pitiful shot at making this belligerent revenge-thriller somewhat meaningful to the rest of living world.

But it doesn't end there. As the movie progresses, Bo becomes increasingly irritated with his enemies' behavior, and begins to kill them.

Now, up until this point, the movie seems to have developed its characters along the traditional black-and-white system; good guys are all good, and bad guys are all bad. This film takes that and throws it all out when Bo goes after the men that destroyed his family. The movie then continues to confuse its audience by giving Bo a wavy moral stance.

The men and women responsible for this film were so negligent and unaware of anything going on around them that it seems they forgot to acknowledge this turn of events, as the overall tone refuses to shift in light of this change, leaving us with a cold and disconnected viewpoint of the story. It was simply unintelligible and did not reach any moral conclusion.

Ultimately, *Paparazzi* leaves a stain on everything that came before it and everything that will come after. The characters are deeply flawed, and the storyline is completely unbelievable. It ends up being the cinematic equivalent of that guy at a party who makes stuffy comments to the women and then manages to draw everybody in the room closer together in their shared disgust for him.

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Anacondas
Fri. 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 7:30

The Bourne Supremacy
Fri. 10:00
Sat. 10:00

Cellular
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Collateral
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:00, 10:10
Sun. 1:00, 4:40, 7:40

Paparazzi
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Princess Diaries 2
Fri. 4:20, 7:20
Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:20

Resident Evil: Apocalypse
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Wicker Park
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Without a Paddle
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Jason Klein is to comedy what Calvin Klein is to underwear

Smooth, sophisticated and much better off...book

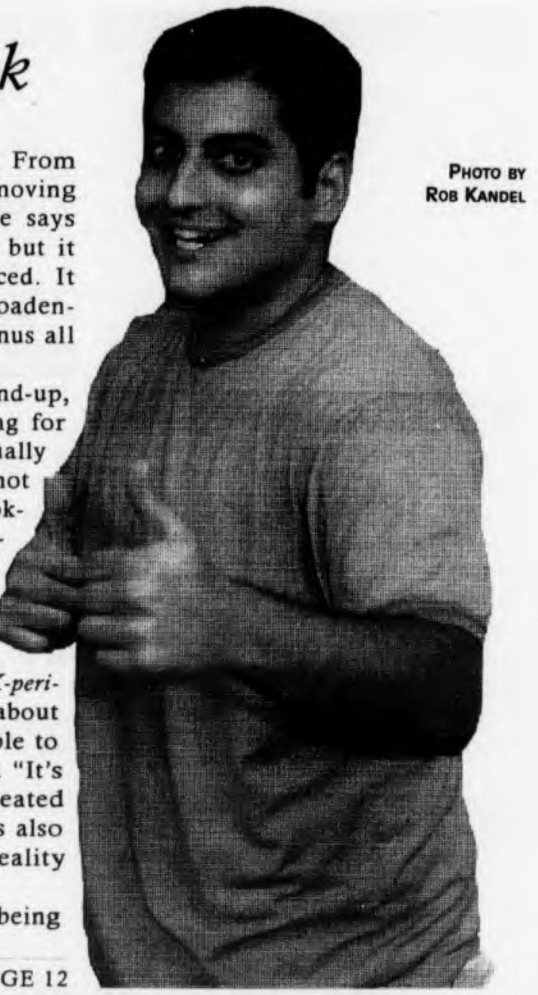


PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

In a school where students perform on a regular basis, in a time when hundreds of new faces roam our campus, one man takes his time and effort away from his studies in order to entertain the masses. His name is Jason Klein; and he is a powerful force on campus.

Okay, so maybe it's a little dramatic, but the fact remains that Jason Klein is truly one who cares about his school. Klein, a senior at the College, is not your run of the mill student performer. He has actually taken his stand-up routine out and about the club strip.

"I'm an Accounting major, but was pre-med and then I was business, and then I was dance before the realization of my caucasianality and my Judaism set in," he joked. "I can Hava Nigila like a champ, but ballet ain't my thing." He's not sure what he wants to do later in life, but says he lives by the saying: Carpe Diem. "It's 'Seize the day,' not 'Seize the May 2005.'"

Although his major does revolve around mathematics, he truly loves comedy. Despite this joy of making people laugh, he has no idea where it came from, but feels that most of it "is due to the Attention Deficit Disorder." Being close to Manhattan and the comic scene, it just happened naturally and soon enough, he was voted his high school class clown.

Klein states that Muhlenberg was not originally on his mind. He was initially intending on going to New York University or George Washington University. It was a friend of the family that actually introduced him to the school, but once he saw it he fell in love. It was actually the only place he applied. "I'm actually hoping to fail two classes so that I can stay another year."

What is truly amazing about Jason is that he has actually made it as a comic in the real world. In fact, during his first set on stage in New York, a talent scout just happened to be sitting in the audience. From that point on, he was only moving up in the comedy world. He says that his first show "sucked," but it was enough to get him noticed. It wasn't long before he was broadening his circuit and playing venus all over.

Not only has he done stand-up, but he has also began writing for different shows and has actually wrote a screenplay. He cannot say which companies are looking into producing his material, "but they're good," he assures.

One writing experience he truly enjoyed was helping out on the *Jamie Kennedy X-periment*. Probably the best part about it was the fact that he wàs able to prank his parents on the show. "It's actually the most repeated episode," he boasts. Jason has also written for several MTV reality shows as a ghost writer.

Klein describes his style as being

SEE **KLEIN** | PAGE 12

Office DEPOT
What you need. What you need to know.™

Office DEPOT So Set For School

COLLEGE AVE
DORM ROOM SUPPLIES

We've got what you need, from the phone to the fridge!

Looking for clocks, shelves, power cords, or printers?
Office Depot has all the furniture, technology and supplies to get you so set for school!

SAVE ON SUPPLIES
$5 OFF ANY Supplies Purchase Totaling $20 or More
$5 Coupon Savings offer good with ANY Supplies purchase of $20 or More. Present this coupon at time of purchase. Limit one coupon per customer/offer. Quantities limited. Coupon offer not valid for: contract customers with a store purchase card or procurement card; purchases from www.techdepot.com; purchases of Gift Cards, all technology items (including but not limited to all computers, monitors, printing machines, networking, peripherals, camera memory), and wireless, satellite, Internet, or mailing/shipping services. Photocopies and mechanical reproductions are not valid. Coupon is not transferable and not for resale. We reserve the right to limit quantities. Offer valid 8/16/04 - 10/9/04. Coupon is good for one-time use and redeemable in store only.
Office DEPOT. Coupon Code 37744046

SAVE ON SUPPLIES
$10 OFF ANY Technology Purchase Totaling $50 or More
$25 Coupon Savings offer good with ANY Furniture purchase of $100 or More. Present this coupon at time of purchase. Limit one coupon per customer/offer. Quantities limited. Coupon offer not valid for: contract customers with a store purchase card or procurement card; purchases from www.techdepot.com; purchases of Gift Cards, all technology items (including but not limited to all computers, monitors, printing machines, networking, peripherals, camera memory), and wireless, satellite, Internet, or mailing/shipping services. Photocopies and mechanical reproductions are not valid. Coupon is not transferable and not for resale. We reserve the right to limit quantities. Offer valid 8/16/04 - 10/9/04. Coupon is good for one-time use and redeemable in store only.
Office DEPOT. Coupon Code 90265025

SAVE ON SUPPLIES
$25 OFF ANY Furniture Purchase Totaling $100 or More
$25 Coupon Savings offer good with ANY Furniture purchase of $100 or More. Present this coupon at time of purchase. Limit one coupon per customer/offer. Quantities limited. Coupon offer not valid for: contract customers with a store purchase card or procurement card; purchases from www.techdepot.com; purchases of Gift Cards, all technology items (including but not limited to all computers, monitors, printing machines, networking, peripherals, camera memory), and wireless, satellite, Internet, or mailing/shipping services. Photocopies and mechanical reproductions are not valid. Coupon is not transferable and not for resale. We reserve the right to limit quantities. Offer valid 8/16/04 - 10/9/04. Coupon is good for one-time use and redeemable in store only.
Office DEPOT. Coupon Code 93779364

Get the Office Depot Advantage!
- Save 15% on Copy and Print services** such as binding, laminating, printing, stapling, and much more.
- Get up to 10% back* in Advantage Reward credits every quarter!
- Receive other great benefits such as special savings and members-only shopping events.
- Become an Office Depot Advantage member today! Simply stop by any of our stores or visit www.officedepot.com/Advantage. Enroll for FREE by using the Group Code 90578!

Office DEPOT ADVANTAGE

3 WAYS TO SHOP | CALL | 1.800.go.depot (1.800.463.3768) fax: 1.800.685.5010 | CLICK | officedepot.com AOL keyword: officedepot | COME BY | 1.800.go.depot (1.800.463.3768) to locate a store near you

Prices and offers expire on 10/9/04 (unless otherwise noted). Some products and offers may be available in store only. * You receive Reward credit for all qualifying purchases made in store, online or by phone. Maximum of $200 back per year, distributed quarterly in the form of an Office Depot Reward Card. Stop by the store or visit www.officedepot.com/Advantage for more details.
** 15% off Copy and Print offer excludes shipping services, postage services, and postage stamps. See store for details.

horoscopes

By Zam Zool

Aries

Now is forever and forever is now. This week will be your week to run free. Take the time to roll around in the grass and smell the flowers. This week, nothing can hurt you. You are invincible. Ever want to jump out of a plane? Do it. Ever want to eat that disgusting moldy thing in your fridge? Do it. You can do whatever you want. Next week I see you in the hospital.

Taurus

Strong like bull you are. Yes, that is terribly grammar, one of the many reasons a college education is vital to a successful adulthood in the modern business world. Good grammar, despite what politicians and popular 'gangsta' culture would have you believe, is essential in proper communicative skills. And no, "LOL" and "J/K" are not considered proper. Welcome to college!

Gemini

There are two sides to your personality, much like yin and yang. You are constantly conflicted with what course of action to take, and inner peace is near impossible to find. Here's a hint on how to deal with this dilemma. Put down the newspaper, find me and give me fifty dollars. That's right. Go!

Cancer

You deserve a break today. And not the McDonald's sort that will leave you with your namesakes' disease. There is too much stress in you life today. Simplify, simplify simplify. Unless you've got work to do. Then work, work, work! Those A's aren't gonna earn themselves you know! Make mom and dad proud, son and/or daughter!

Leo

Powerful. Proud. Cunning. Swift. Your spirit embodies all these traits, and if you're a freshman, the ladies better start running, because a virile Leo's on the prowl! Of course this only applies to Leos who are attractive, intelligent and have a wit as sharp as a thumb tack, so do not just assume that you are one of these select few.

Virgo

You still haven't gotten over the fact that your sign is literally the embodiment of virginity. While some have a cool scorpion, lion or double fish-things, you're stuck with a maiden, usually accompanied by a pitcher. And if you think that that makes you weak, please report to the year's first SAGE meeting. It'll be fun.

Libra

Ah, just, wise Libra. Always in balance your scales are, intelligent and judgmental in all of life's quandaries. If there was ever a riddle you could not solve, it was truly a mystery for the ages. So dear, sage-like Libra, answer this simple question of mine: Why do you always leave the toilet seat up?!?

Scorpio

Well, Scorpio, it seemed like you had a great summer, huh? You made tons of money at your cushy, easy job, met a sweet girl and even had a lot of free time to yourself. Things are shaping out great for a fresh start on a new year! And to all of those Scorpios that slacked off this summer, you're doomed to a life of misery and failure. Sorry!

Sagitarius

If you're a freshman, take a look around your dorm room. Do you have a sci-fi movie poster on your walls? Is there an action figure or some reference to a super-hero on your desk? In any part of your room is there a picture or sketch of Wonder woman, She-Hulk or Jean Grey? Can you speak Klingon? If you answered yes to any of these, prepare to die a virgin.

Capricorn

Summer brought with it unexpected changes! No, puberty came and went in high school. I mean this is your first semester of college! I bet you're excited! New friends, new workloads and a crushing sociological desire to fit in! Don't worry, Muhlenberg is a very accepting and special school! We love you for who you are! And if we didn't, we probably wouldn't tell you anyway.

Aquarius

Now that fall and winter are arriving, it's going to be harder and harder to find a place to swim, especially for water-lovers like you Aquarius! Luckily for you, the new life-sports center has opened! Fun times to be had by all. Unluckily for you, you forgot your bathing suit at home... in Mexico.

Pisces

What the heck is the animal symbol of Pisces, anyway? It's like a double-fish-thing, which honestly, the stars and I find very confusing. Why not something more interesting, like a gargoyle or a flaming skull? That would be cool. Or it would have been in 1987. I think I'll go watch some *I Love the 80's*. Or, even more dishearting, *I love the 90's* I hate the future.

KLEIN

FROM PAGE 11

very observational; he tends to get a feel of the audience first. Sometimes a set may last twenty minutes and other times it only goes on for five. It's all in the reactions of viewers.

One of Klein's most memorable experiences occurred after he had done his routine and Jerry Seinfeld came up to him. He had been sitting in the audience and wanted to find out more about the young rising star. He asked how long Klein had been doing stand-up comedy and at that time it had only been six months. "He gave me the best advice. He said, 'Just remember, three out of every five times you will fall.'"

It was those words that were running through his head last semester when he opened for *Full House's* Joey, Dave Coulier. From an audience member's standpoint, the response that Klein got was atrocious. Students were screaming and wouldn't let him get in a word. "I had had about eight good sets before that, so I guess I was destined." Klein believes that he has a good set prepared and that it was a shame he wasn't able to deliver it.

Standing in front of hundreds of people at a time can be intimidating, but Klein takes it in stride. He says that what he is actually afraid of is mimes. "I think they're born that way. I was once accosted by a mime in New York, and it was a tragic experience. I mean, get out of the box and talk to me!" Coming a close second is his fear of spiders.

However, even being somewhat famous is still full of nuances. Especially as a comic, Klein is constantly getting asked to, "Be funny," which is not always easy and/or surmountable. "I also don't like getting asked how much I make. I don't know. It just really annoys me."

Jason was seen on the show last comic standing and made it to the third round. "You would think that it is a cut throat environment, but in all actuality, the best advice you will ever get, you will get from other stand-ups."

To reach more people with his comedy, he has made his own website: www.jasonkleincomedy.com and he encourages people to sign up for his "Weekly Wolfing," which is where he gives a weekly rant to everyone on his e-mail list.

Many students would feel that if they did half of what Klein has, they would be successful, but for Jason, that term is always changing.

"After playing my first show, standing in front of a group of strangers and getting laughs, I felt I was successful. After I played Caroline's, probably the best comedy club in New York, I felt I was successful. After playing for a crowd of 8,000 people in Binghamton, I felt I was successful. But, the coolest has been when people walk up to me and say, 'Hey, I saw you on TV.'"

"As long as I can make people smile or laugh, that's success. I'm in it for the people."

LIFE! EDITOR'S PICKS OF THE WEEK

VIDEO GAME	***Pokemon Fire Red/Grass Green*** For all of you "Pokemaniacs" out there, this game is faster, more colorful and definitely better overall than previous versions. All of your favorite Pokemon are back from the original versions only now, they look more defined and can battle your team from Ruby/Saphire. New sounds and easier menus make this addition stunning.	***The Editor Says:*** Guess what the objective is. You beat bad guys and capture Pokemon. Yup. Thats about it. The only remarkable thing is that you can play with your friends without linking up. Goodbye three hour class.
MOVIE	***Sleepaway Camp*** In this twisted horror flick, you travel to a summer camp where the cook is a child molestor, the girls are going through puberty and someone is running around killing them all. It's full of suspense and will definitely leave you guessing till the last seconds. It's a gender bending roller coaster ride...of horror.	***The Editor Says:*** Ok. This movie weirded me out. And not just that, "I don't know what just happened" weird. I mean full on freaked me out. Leave your mind open.
CD	***International Superhits,*** Green Day Green Day's greatest hits (pre-American Idiot) are all on the great compilation. Songs that might have been forgotten are instantly revitalized. Of course, they couldn't fit all of our favorites, but "Queen for a Day" just isn't for everyone.	***The Editor Says:*** You know you loved them in the 90's and they've gotten better, then worse, then better since. Anyone who has ever even remotely like them should purchase this.
BOOK	***9/11 Comission Report*** by The National Comission on Terrorist Attacks If you ever wanted to ask the questions and were unsure of where to get the answers, here it is. If you can get through it, you will be more afraid than if you just sit ignorant. Ahh...the cost of knowledge.	***The Editor Says:*** It doesn't matter whether you like Bush or hate Kerry, just read it. It's an eye opener into the world which we never see but always hear about. Read it. Read it now.

Mules split for the weekend

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

The Mules opened their season with a loss, falling short to Gallaudet College in the first round of Moravian's Greyhound Premiere Invitational.

Despite the loss, the Mules came out 1-1 for the day after defeating Shenandoah College in their second match.

Against Gallaudet, the Mules put up a fight after losing the initial two matches. They came back and won the third and fourth but lost the fifth match, 34-32.

Junior outside hitter Julie Lauro led the Mules with 17 kills and 10 digs, while Junior setter Mary Henning led the team in assists, with 29.

VOLLEYBALL

Lauro also led the Mules blocks, finishing with five, while Sophomore Kate Haggerty followed closely behind with four blocks and ten kills.

The freshman put themselves on the charts as well, as Freshman Jess Anselmi led the Mule comeback effort by serving six straight points, three of which were aces.

Freshman Megan Young finished with nine digs.

At the end of the first day of the tournament, Lauro stood at 985 career kills, needing 15 more to become the fourth player in team history to reach the 1,000 kill mark.

"Julie works so hard day in and day out, whether in practice or on her own personal time to be the best player she can be. She is a role model for all of us and an amazing teammate. As a team, we cannot wait for her to reach 1,000 kills," Junior Defensive Specialist Jen Weist said.

The second day of the two day tournament was just as successful for the Mules, as they first defeated Centennial Conference rival Swarthmore College, but continued on to lose to York College.

Despite the defeat, Lauro reached her goal, becoming the fourth player in team history to reach the 1,000-kill mark in a career.

Lauro also earned all-tournament honors by averaging 4.73 kills and hitting .311 over the course of the weekend.

"As a teammate, Julie really leads the team well while on the court, and I know we can always look to her to get us out of a tough situation," Henning stated.

Henning also reached a personal career milestone, recording her 1,000th career assist.

"Both for myself reaching my goal and Julie reaching hers, we will hopefully motivate the team to step up this year," Henning stated.

"Both Mary and I worked really hard throughout the past couple years, and it was a big game for the both of us," Lauro said.

"Personally, I couldn't have gotten to where I am today without the rest of the team supporting me. As a team, we are improving every day and are beginning to work really well together. Preseason was a success, and after this weekend, we are definitely looking forward to a strong season," Lauro said.

For day two, Lauro finished with 21 kills, and Sophomore Monica Sella recorded a career-high eleven.

Sophomore Kate Haggerty followed closely behind with nine kills. Other team members put themselves on the charts as well, as Sophomore Courtney Williams recorded eight kills and Anselmi added in seven to contribute to the offense.

Weist led the defense in digs for the day, recording 13 against Swarthmore and 15 against York.

For the weekend, Henning finished with 36 assists, bringing her career total up to 1,010. She is the sixth Mule setter to reach quadruple figures.

"Mary is working really hard to become better every day, and together we are really making a difference." Lauro said.

"We also hope that we are setting good standards and being positive role models for the freshmen. I think things are finally clicking," Lauro said.

Overall, Muhlenberg finished with a 2-2 record in the tournament, enabling them to take second place in the Gold Bracket.

The Mules will playing at home this weekend as they host the Buttermaker Tournament.

Hotz finishes sixth men end up in fourth

By Aaron Soloman
Online Editor

The women's and men's cross country teams started off a great season at Lehigh University this weekend, as they competed in the Lehigh Valley Championships.

The Mules runners competed in this meet that also included teams from Lafayette College, Moravian College, DeSales University, and Kutztown University.

CROSS COUNTRY

Both Mules teams had been preparing intensely for the meet. "They have been training very hard. The workouts were getting harder," said Sophomore Casey Phiefer.

The Mule women were led by Senior Jenna Belisonzi who finished 21st in the race with a time of 24 minutes 46 seconds.

Junior Karen Mount, who had a time of 25 minutes and 6 seconds, finished in 27th place.

"Jenna and I were able to finish in the top 30 among Divison I and II runners so I think we're off to a good start. I think we'll be able to work together and push each other this season and hopefully do well at conferences and at the regional meet. We were also excited to see the freshmen run. They did awesome in their first meet," Mount said.

In her college debut, Freshman Sara Gearin was the third Mule runner to cross the line, finishing the race in a mere 25 minutes 59 seconds.

"We were pretty staggered throughout the race," said Phiefer.

Overall, the women's team finished in sixth place with a combined score of 153.

As for the men's team, the Mules finished in fourth place in the meet with a combined team score of 99. Sophomore Alex Hotz, in an impressive performance, came in sixth place out of 66 runners with a time of 26 minutes and 43 seconds, only three places behind Lehigh.

"Alex has been working hard, and its exciting to see him finish so well in a race with Division I and II athletes. He is going to have a really great season," said Mount.

This was an improvement over his last performance at the end of his freshman year, in which he placed ninth.

"Its good to begin the season like that. He is off to a great start," Phiefer said. Sophomores Lex Mercado and Tim Seely also performed well this weekend, finishing 25th and 27th.

Lehigh, with a score of 23, won the meet for the fourth year in a row.

However, the Mules did well considering that they were competing against teams of a higher division. Muhlenberg trailed the Division I and II teams by only three points.

The next cross-country event will be on Sept. 11, as they travel to compete at the McDaniel Invitational.

SOCCER

FROM PAGE 14

the goal to break the tie, bringing the score to 2-1.

The Cougars continued their offensive quest to the goal, shooting thirteen shots to the Mules' three.

Senior Stacey Spector made three saves while in goal in the first half, and Boisvert covered the goal in the second half, making an additional three saves.

The Mules held onto their lead throughout the game and emerged victorious with a score of 2-1. The Mules next face Scranton, who last year delivered their only recorded loss in sixteen games.

In the first National Soccer Coaches Association of America regular season poll of the 2004 season, the Mules were ranked twentieth in the nation for Division III.

In this region, the Mules are ranked third, falling behind only Messiah and New Jersey.

Via Media
(Latin: "Middle Way")

The people of Grace Episcopal Church
invite Muhlenberg students and staff to participate
in Via Media*, discussions on today's most crucial ethical and spiritual topics
in an open and supportive atmosphere.

Contact The Rev. Patrick Malloy, Ph.D., by September 13
for information and reservations.
Three sessions. Seating limited. Food and beverages provided.
Phone: 610-435-0782
info@graceallentown.org
http://www.graceallentown.org

*Via Media is a pilot program for the Episcopal Church demonstrating how combining both Catholic and Protestant traditions in a non-fundamentalist way can help individuals join with others to ask questions and seek answers on contemporary spiritual topics.

Weekend Schedule

	Friday	Saturday
Women's Cross Country		McDaniel Invitational @ 11:00 a.m.
Men's Cross Country		McDaniel Invitational @ 12:00 p.m.
Field Hockey	Muhlenberg Invitational vs. Elizabethtown @ 4:00 p.m.	Muhlenberg Invitational TBA
Women's Soccer	Muhlenberg Invitational vs. Scranton @ 5:00 p.m.	Muhlenberg Invitational vs. Smith @ 1:30
Men's Soccer	Muhlenberg Invitational vs. Hunter @ 7:00 p.m.	Muhlenberg Invitational vs. Moravian @ 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball	Buttermaker Tournament @ 4:00 p.m.	Buttermaker Tournament TBA

Spring Break 2005

Travel with STS, America's #1 Student Tour Operator to Jamaica, Cancun, Acapulco, Bahamas and Florida. Now hiring on-campus reps. Call for group discounts. Information/Reservations

1-800-648-4849
OR www.ststravel.com.

Season opens in pair of wins

By Kristen Ziegler
Sports Editor

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Mules fought an exciting season opener with William Patterson University last weekend. They fought hard and came back after being down 1-0 in the first half to defeat William Patterson by a score of 3-1.

The Pioneer's first goal came as the result of a team effort. Sophomore forward Melissa Boka hit a corner kick into the box that Senior forward Kat McPhail deflected to Junior midfielder Denise Spina.

This fancy footwork allowed Spina to send a cornerkick flying past Mules goalie, Sophomore Kayla Boisvert.

The Mules quickly bounced back after less than six minutes, as Junior forward Amy Schmidt sent a pass to Senior Captain Rebecca Armstrong. Armstrong went on to score her 33rd career goal. This goal also gave the Mules their first goal of the game, thus tying up the score, 1-1.

Coming out of halftime, the Mules and Pioneers were tied, but just 50 seconds in, Sophomore midfielder Kristen Cioeta scored a goal off a rebound.

Midway through the second half, Freshman Ashley Reed picked up a loose ball and headed down the field to score the next goal, the first of her career.

The Mules, who remained undefeated in their last eleven Centennial Conference regular season games, outshot the Pioneers 12-6 in just the second half.

Boisvert made six saves, while Patterson goalie freshman Erin Bollendorf recorded nine.

The following day's game against Kean University opened with a battle that waged for more than 40 minutes before either team scored a goal.

Then, Reed drew a foul just inches outside the penalty box, and the ball was given to Junior Katie Amari. Amari's free kick effectively found Senior midfielder Kimberly Klicka.

It was then that Klicka's on-target shot toward the goal was rapidly batted back into play by Cougar goalie, Jessica Kogel.

Reed came forward and picked up the rebound with only 4:33 left in the period. Reed then hit in her second career goal.

Reed is the first freshman to score a goal in each of her first two games since 1999.

Less then a minute later, Sophomore Andrea Dello Russo found a loose ball and kicked in an unassisted goal. The Mules went into halftime ahead by two.

The Cougars came back strong in the second half when they grabbed a ball downfield and passed it up to Sophomore forward Allison Fream.

As Fream hit the ball toward the goal, the Mule goalie caught the edge of the ball but was unable to recover it. The ball then dropped in

SEE **SOCCER**
PAGE 13

LSC | FROM PAGE 16

Beidleman, Director of Athletics.

The latter was a policy that was enacted in order to prevent sweat from causing the upholstery on the new equipment to deteriorate.

Corey Goff, Assistant Athletic Director, Strength and Conditioning Coordinator and Assistant Football Coach at the College, believes the policy is reasonable.

"Sweating all over everything does damage to the upholstery and opens up a great chance of the spread of diseases," Goff said.

Several students openly disagree with this new t-shirt policy and would prefer no dress code. "I think it's easier to be able to lift. With certain exercises it's easier to be sleeveless because having material on your arms restricts your range of motion," Junior Daniel Skocylas said.

Senior Laura Friant said, "At other gyms, such as Gold's and Bally's, there are no clothes restrictions. You often see women in sports bras and tank tops."

Friant is correct, as all three local gyms, L.A. Fitness, Curves, and Gold's Gym, lack a dress code of any kind.

Student Council has also recognized that this new dress code is problematic, and they are actively seeking change.

Student Council President Senior Mike Yellin stated, "My own personal belief is that this is a new facility, and the school is going to be over-protective of it. However, I don't think this policy is designed to make it harder for people to work out. But I do think the current policy is too extreme and needs to be adjusted, and I'm confident that over the next few weeks this and other kinks in the system will be worked out," said Yellin.

There is also a strange loophole in this policy, however, as many of the team uniforms, by nature, are sleeveless.

When questioned about the basketball team and their uniforms, which lack sleeves, Goff responded by stating, "The team, when practicing, is allowed to wear their shirts without sleeves. When they use the weight machines, however, they are expected to change into a t-shirt equipped with sleeves." To further ensure that these t-shirts will be worn, tees will be distributed to all athletes by the equipment room.

Another controversial policy that accompanies the new facility is an alumni fee to gain access to the building; the fee is $300 for the school year. This fee, which is slightly higher than the enrollment fee at Gold's Gym, which is $285 per year, enables the alum to freely roam the building during all hours of operation.

Goff defended the pricey fee, stating, "If we make this more accessible than a Gold's Gym, we will be bombarded by alumni. The facility can not handle it, and it would be unfair to the current students."

Beidleman added, "This building was built primarily for the current students, faculty and staff of the College, and we are extending our courtesy to the alumni." Some students, however, believe this "courtesy" is on the pricey side.

"You paid your tuition and upon graduation, you have invested so much money into this school. I think charging alum more to use the Muhlenberg gym than an outside gym is unheard of," stated Senior Carolyn Schoen.

"In addition, the facility lacks fitness classes and personal trainers, both major assets of joining a gym," said Schoen.

Although the new facility has some controversial regulations, the 40,000-square-foot addition to the Life Sports Center has the Muhlenberg Community buzzing with excitement.

The field house floor and track were resurfaced, and a jump pit and pole vault box were added, enabling Muhlenberg to hold indoor track meets.

The facility is also home to the new athletic offices, conference rooms, a Powerhouse Café and a new spacious weight room and cardio area.

If you want to use the facility, however, you must come well prepared. If an alum, don't forget the checkbook, and for all gym-goers (students, faculty and staff), that t-shirt better be equipped with sleeves.

A view of the glass front of the newly renovated Life Sports Center.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Tough loss in strokes

By Betsy Stoller
Weekly Sports Writer

FIELD HOCKEY

After a 1-1 tie and two scoreless overtime periods, the Mules lost in a stroke off to Juniata. Though the Mules didn't get a winning start, it was a battle to the very end.

The lone Mule goal came from Sophomore forward Sara Levin. Levin scored late in the first half, giving the Mules a 1-0 lead.

However, with only 3:17 left on the clock Juniata harried the game by tying up the score.

Two scoreless overtimes followed, bringing the game to penalty strokes. The Mules missed all five attempts, while Juniata was able to convert their fourth effort.

"This game was definitely a tough game. We started off very strong, but we let it slip at the end. Overall, we played and have been playing very well together," said Levin. "Strokes are not a great way to lose, but we can only go up now; it's early in the season, and we are all very optimistic," Levin stated.

Sophomore goalie Lauren Schram made 20 saves, including a penalty stroke in the second overtime, giving her a career high number of saves.

Levin became the first Mule goalie since 1997 to reach the 20 save mark. In 1997, Allison Neat made 24 saves in one game against East Stroudsburg University.

The Juniata goalie made 11 saves. Juniata had a total of 13 penalty corners compared to the Mules nine.

Despite many scoring opportunities on both sides, only three conversions occured.

Senior co-Captain Sarah Fosdick said, "Of course it stinks to have lost, especially because we played really well. We have things to work on, but we also did some things really well.."

"Hopefully we learned from this and we will stick to our opponents at our next game," Fosdick said.

The Mules play this weekend at the Muhlenberg Invitational, their first game against Elizabethtown.

Mules finish second

By Tara DeMarzo
Weekly Sports Writer

MEN'S SOCCER

The Mules traveled to Potsdam, NY this weekend for the Doug May Lotto Classic Tournament.

Their first game against ninth-ranked St. Lawrence University proved to be a disappointing season-opener.

St. Lawrence came out with a quick goal two minutes into the game. Muhlenberg goalie Senior Chris Davis blocked the first shot by St. Lawrence's Steve Watson. Watson caught the rebound on his shin and tapped the ball back into the goal.

The Mules fought back late in the first half when Freshman Karim Assous kicked a hard cross off to Junior James Henshaw, who was on the left side of the penalty area. Henshaw, a 2003 first-team-all-region midfielder, tied the game 1-1 at only 33 minutes into the game.

Control returned to St. Lawrence in the second half, with the Saints out-shooting the Mules 11-1. Three more St. Lawrence goals ended the game with a score of 4-1.

Davis made three saves in the game while the Saints' goalie only made one. Saint Lawrence went on to finish first in the tournament.

Day two of the Lotto tournament sent the Mules home with a victory over the host team, Clarkson University.

Junior midfielder and 2003 first-team-all-conference Jose Ramirez had the game's lone goal, when he scored off of a direct kick midway through the first half.

Ramirez's goal came after a Golden Knight player was assessed a yellow card. This was Ramirez's twelfth career goal.

Ramirez's goal combined with a solid defensive performance, including four saves by Senior Chris Davis, was enough to defeat the Golden Knights.

This game was Davis's 19th career shut-out. The Mules outshot the Golden Knights 11-6 and finished second in the tournament.

Following their performance in these two games, Juniors Henshaw and Jonathan Roman were named to the Lotto All-Tournament team.

With eight returning starters from last year's team, which was undefeated against Centennial Conference opponents, the Mules are working toward another successful season. The Mules are currently ranked sixth in the Centennial Conference.

FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE 16

Wargacki was named the Mules' most improved defensive player. He registered nine tackles for loss, including three sacks.

McCall finished Saturday with seven tackles, two and a half sacks and a blocked extra point.

Junior Alex Miller returns this year as a cornerback, and Junior Justin Adair will join him. Adair had a career high of eight tackles on Saturday.

Junior linebacker Mark Bennet ignited roaring excitement from the stadium when he drilled the Mariner ball carrier, and the ball popped loose.

With 1:44 left in the first half, Senior quarterback Nick Rosetti handed-off to Senior Mike Mrkobrad, who made a step toward the end zone before making his second career touchdown pass. Mrkobrad's two-handed chest pass found Sophomore tight end Derek DiMattina, who scored the touchdown.

Rosetti's performance on the field, completing 16 of 27 passes for a total of 203 yards, showed his extreme poise despite the King's Point defense.

Mrkobrad has more than proven his ability as a top running back. The touchdown pass fell in the wake of a 45 yard run off the snap of a fake punt play for a fourth and 19 at the Mules' own seven yard line.

Senior co-Captains Frank Santini and Matt McGowen are back for another year in the tackle positions. Santini earned first team an All Centennial Conference honors last season.

New to their offensive positions are Juniors Mike Leanch and Carl Slabicki. Leanch, who received All Centennial Conference honorable mention last fall, will play guard, and Slakicki will hold down the center position.

Junior Kyle Douglas is the team's lone returning receiver with significant Varsity experience, which he proved this game with his 105 yds in five receptions.

The Mules maintained their 7-0 lead until an interception by the King's Point Mariners led to a 65 yard return touchdown run, followed by a successful extra point.

Tied at seven, the Mules answered this run with a 34 yard connection between Rosetti and Sophomore Chris Gianni, leaving them at the first yard line.

Mrkobrad took the ball and rushed one yard for the touchdown. Mrkobrad finished with a game-high 96 yards on 28 carries.

The Mules held this lead for the remainder of the game, adding to it a 29 yard field goal by Senior Brian Hendershot, set up by a nice 38 yard pass from Sophomore Ryan Sassaman to Giannini.

The Mariners capitalized on a fumbled punt by the Mules, scoring their only offensive touchdown with just 3:09 left on the clock.

The game came to a close with the Mules victorious. The final score was 17-13.

Mrkobrad said, "I think it looked like any first game. We weren't that consistent, but we showed a number of positive things, and I feel very confident that our team will pull it together and be as successful as we have been the past three years."

Kyle Douglass attempts to make a diving catch in the first quarter of the Mules' win. Douglass was injured later in the game.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Did You Know?

American Football is a modified game of Rugby. The rugby currently played has more rules than any other team sport.

(www.momsguide.com)

Write for sports!

Contact Kristen at kristenziegler81@hotmail.com
or Allison at aauclair@muhlenberg.edu

SPORTS

Life Sports Center spurs controversy

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

As the Muhlenberg Community inhabits the College campus once again, there is one important change with which to become familiar: the new athletic facility.

The construction that took place over the past eight months has resulted in the addition of numerous treadmills, elliptical trainers, bikes, steppers, iron grip urethane dumbbells, power racks with platforms and more than 30 other pieces of equipment to the facility. These machines have been added in order to better serve the students, faculty and staff of the College.

The new facility is even technologically advanced, giving gym-goers the ability to listen to the TV broadcasts through personal FM radios.

Along with these new assets to the facility, there have also been several important rules, some more controversial than others, that have been implemented in order to keep the cardio area and weight center running properly.

The most prominent rule that affects all students, faculty and staff is the professional control desk. Upon entering the facility, all users must show proper identification in order to gain access to any part of the building.

Another new regulation, which already turned down admittance for several students, is the "No Sleeves" policy. When entering the facility, an individual must be dressed in a shirt with sleeves if he or she intends to use the cardio or weight rooms.

This policy was enacted by the Athletics Department for two major reasons: personal hygiene purposes and the preservation of the new equipment.

The new Life Sports Center opened with controversies over the dress code and alumni policies.

Photo by Rob Kandel

The former, and more important of the two, was decided upon after evaluating the various skin diseases, forms of ringworm, and other hygiene issues that accompany the sharing of perspiration from one human to another.

"Transferring perspiration onto the equipment is unhealthy, and the best way to keep perspiration from the machines is to wear a full t-shirt," stated Sam

SEE LSC | PAGE 14

"Getting better every day;" all the time

By Allison Marman
Weekly Sports Writer

FOOTBALL

Having lost six first-team all-conference players, three of whom were all-Americans, and wrapping up their 2003 season with a bitter loss to Christopher Newport in a post season first round match-up, you might expect the Mules to creep into their season with some mixed emotions and hesitation.

Mike Mrkobrad breaks the tackle of King's Point's Josh Hansen in the fourth quarter of the Mules' win.

Photo by Rob Kandel

That, however, could not be farther from the truth. The Mules defeated Kings Point in a nail-biting match, ending in a 17-13 win.

Senior co-Captain Mike Della Pella said that he and the rest of the returning players have "tried to keep the tempo of our practices at a high level. The entire team has been focusing on our goal which is to 'get better everyday.' The younger guys have all done well in stepping up this preseason."

The plan seems to be working, and this year looks to be as successful as the past few have been.

With no score for most of the first half, the Mules had to rely on the consistency and strength of their defensive line to keep them in the game. Defense is led by several strong seniors including Della Pella, Dan Walker and Ryan Peer. Della Pella said the defense seems to get "better every day."

Della Pella found a spot on the first All Centennial Conference team primarily due to the 46 tackles he registered in the nose guard position. Walker also made his way to a second All Centennial Conference team with 69 tackles and eleven and a half tackles for loss. He tied for the Centennial Conference lead with three forced fumbles.

Peer, in turn, earned himself a starting position early in the season and ended up with 49 stops (fifth on the team), including six tackles for loss, and registered two of the Mules' six sacks on Saturday.

Adding to the caliber of the defense were preseason All Americans Junior Dan McCall, who set a school record with ten and a half sacks and totaled fifteen and a half tackles for loss, and Junior co-Captain Tom Wargacki.

SEE FOOTBALL | PAGE 15

Inside Sports

Henshaw and Roman named All-Tournament
page 15
Women's Soccers tough loss leads to optimism
page 15

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Reality versus the silver screen
page 4

Greening Committee sets goals
page 5

Inside

17th Floor rocks Garden Room
page 9

Final premiere of Muhlenberg Tonight
page 10

VOLUME CXXIV, ISSUE 2 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

Kerry visits the Valley; 13,000 attend

By Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

Democratic Presidential nominee John Kerry visited the Lehigh Valley last Friday for a political rally at the Allentown Fairgrounds.

Hours before the gates opened at 3:30 p.m., loyal democrats from across the Valley descended on the streets of Allentown to show support for Kerry. The rally itself was scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

With the gates closing, the stage was set for Kerry's discussion with an estimated total of 13,000 in the crowd.

The excitement of the crowd reached a climax after Kerry's plane was spotted flying overhead on its descent into Lehigh Valley Airport.

As soon as the crowd spotted the plane, every member of the audience rose to their feet with thunderous cheering.

Prior to Kerry's arrival from the airport, Ed Rendell, Pennsylvania Governor, accompanied by several other Pennsylvania government representatives and Senators, took to the stage to speak and praise Kerry.

After Rendell and each government official had time to speak, they exited the stage for a short while before Kerry finally arrived.

While the crowd anxiously awaited, local Kerry campaign workers took to the stage to excite the crowd.

The campaign workers flocked onto the stage blowing air horns and shooting Kerry/Edwards shirts into the crowd from a large water balloon launcher.

Mike Alexander '05 was one of the campaign workers who helped out on stage before Kerry's arrival. Alexander said that his experience working at the rally was "fantastic."

He added that although he did not know prior to the rally that he would be on stage, "the experience was very exciting."

Presidential candidate John Kerry speaks at the Allentown Fairgrounds on Sept. 10.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

SEE **KERRY** | PAGE 7

Helm introduces Strategic Plan

By Alex Barouh
Weekly News Writer

In an attempt to gain campus opinion prior to final changes, Randy Helm, President of the College, held a forum to discuss the present draft of the College's Strategic Plan on Monday. The plan is an in-depth analysis of the goals or "shared vision" that the administration has for the next five years.

In attendance were members of the faculty, staff and Student Body, including Helm who acted as key speaker.

This "shared vision," as Helm stated, is focused on "what is best for the College, rather than particular interests."

He continued by expressing that the cornerstone of the Strategic Plan was based around preserving the Caring Community, the strong culture of teaching and the beauty of the College's campus.

As the presentation continued, Helm laid out the thought processes and tools that allowed him and his planning group to create the concise yet thorough idea of what the College should resemble in five years.

Helm explained that by studying the demographics, academics, and budgets of schools that are in competition with the College, the planning group was better able to develop a strategy to strengthen its already prominent reputation.

Although the Strategic Plan has not offically been approved, Helm did outline some important decisions that will most likely be included in the final draft. On the topic of student enrollment, Helm stated that we "seek to cap the enrollment at 2,100, which is where we are today."

He cited multiple reasons for keeping the student population at its current state, such as preventing further stress on the college faculty, preserving the intimate community atmosphere and avoiding further tension with private home owners in the surrounding area.

Helm inferred that all of these decisions were based

SEE **FORUM** | PAGE 5

Committee combats sexual assault

By Michelle Sartor
Asst. News Editor

In the spring of 2003, James Steffy, former Interim President convened the Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force in response to an increase in the number of sexual assaults that occurred at the College. To help make the policy changes the Task Force suggested, Randy Helm, President of the College has assembled the Sexual Assault Task Force Implementation Committee.

This new committee is co-chaired by Dr. Patrice DiQuinzio, Director of Women's Studies and Associate Professor of Philosophy and Dr. Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students. DiQuinzio said the Sexual Assault Task Force Implementation Committee grew out of the original Task Force as a way to put the recommendations into practice for the College.

The original Task Force examined the problem of sexual assaults on campus. There were brainstorming meetings with students, faculty, deans, coaches, parents, Board of Trustees members and alumni. They devised recommendations for what the College could

SEE **COMMITTEE** | PAGE 5

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

Just enough green to go around

EVEN WITH NEW BUILDINGS AND PARKING LOTS POPPING UP ON CAMpus like wild mushrooms, members of the Campus Community should not be weary of a complete loss of all green areas on campus. In the newly proposed Strategic Plan for the College presented by President Helm this week, maintaining the natural beauty of the College is marked as a priority. The Plan proposes that there be a serious effort made in making the campus more attractive not only for recruiting purposes, but also to improve "the quality of life of all faculty, staff, students and alumni." The Plan proposes to reorganize campus facilities as a means of maximizing all green areas on campus. In his Strategic Plan, Helm calls for the investment of $1,000,000 to the design of landscaping, so as to create "new attractive campus quadrangles characterized by green space, walkways and outdoor gathering, program and recreational space." Additionally, Helm calls for the relocation of internal parking lots and maintenance facilities to the periphery areas of the campus. A plan to preserve the "Campus Tree Legacy" also promises to continue the tradition of shade and a green environment for generations to come.

The Strategic Planning Committee should be applauded for the desire and initiative to improve a quality of life on campus that is oftentimes ignored. Although it is nice to have new state-of-the-art facilities with all the latest toys, it is also nice to sit outside and simply enjoy the fruits of nature. Reading the latest class assignment under a tree behind the chapel, or playing a game of frisbee on the front lawn are memorable and important moments in a college career not to be overlooked.

Despite the fact that there is limited space on campus and parking is always tight, sacrificing one of the fundamental attributes of the campus would be a shame. It is the opinion of the Editorial Board that the Strategic Planning Commitee is wholly accurate in claiming the College's green space not as wasted space, but instead, a very valuable commodity to be fostered in the future.

Margaret Sanger and women's rights

Amy Cookson
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Tuesday was Margaret Sanger's birthday. She was born Sept. 14, 1879. Sanger was a pioneer for womens' reproductive rights. She and her sister opened America's first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, NY, in October of 1916. In the ten days the clinic was open, 500 women came seeking information. The clinic was shut down by the authorities for violating the Comstock Law.

The Comstock Law was designed to prevent obscene materials from passing through the mail system. However, the law was used to prevent important informational materials from reaching the public. For example, a 1912 article Sanger had written about syphilis was deemed obscene under the law. Born to an Irish-Catholic family, Sanger had seen her mother suffer due to bearing eleven children and enduring several miscarriages; her health diminished until she died an early death at the age of 49. Sanger's older sisters were forced to give up their dreams in order to support the family.

Sanger believed women should have the right and the power to determine when they will get pregnant. She denounced the Sheppard-Towner Act of 1921 because the clinics established would not provide birth control information. She disdainfully commented that the clinics would help a woman care for her seventh child, but would do nothing to help her prevent an eighth.

Critics have long-tried to discredit Sanger and her legacy by falsely attributing to her ideas that she did not hold. One of the most persuasive lies is that Sanger believed in eugenics--"more children from the fit, less children from the unfit." Sanger never said nor wrote such a statement; her books were among the first burned by the Nazis, who did believe in eugenics. She helped Jewish people escape

SEE SANGER | PAGE 3

Letters to the Editor:

Underage drinkers are not "Bad Kids"

To the Editor:

While reading *The Muhlenberg Weekly's* first issue of the school year I was not at all surprised to find a front-page article concerning the number of alcohol abuses reported during the opening weeks of our semester.

Amongst the Student Body, the 'Berg is infamous for their focus on "cracking down" on underage drinking and past *Weekly's* have run numerous articles addressing the issue.

I'm sure the administration has already begun discussing the situation that is not only considered harmful to the well-being of our students, but perhaps more importantly, harmful to the public image of our college.

Our college is aware of society's cultural acceptance relating alcohol to college life. However, the administration firmly states they cannot ignore federal law and condone underage drinking, thus validating our school's heavy reliance on strict enforcement of the law. But what disgusted me about this article in particular was the quote taken from the mouth of Ken Lupole, the notorious leader of Campus Safety set forth to protect the entire Student Body.

Lupole referred to those who were not drinking underage as the "good kids" in comparison with the so-called bad kids, the underage drinkers. Basing a student's character on whether he or she chooses to drink or not makes me question the character of those the administration has empowered to protect my peers and myself.

Perhaps the problem does not exist within the federal laws, or on the "evil" students who choose to take a drink now and then, but with those with the power to enforce such laws. All I know is I'm glad to have recently reached the age of twenty-one, so I can no longer be considered one of the underage bad kids, and join Lupole with the "good" guys.

Emily Oster
Class of 2005

College neglects 9/11 ceremony

To the Editor:

There are a few days out of every year that are considered sacred. Some of these days you get the day off of work or the inconvenience of not receiving mail, but there are many special days not tagged with the "holiday" title. Sept. 11 is one of those days.

The importance of this day cannot and hopefully never will be overlooked. There has never been a day in our nation's history where more Americans have perished on a single day in a time of peace.

Everyone copes with this day differently. It is never easy to determine the best most appropriate way to commemorate such a tragic occasation. Every year there is a debate amongst politicians, the families of the victims and the media as to what form the proper ceremony should take. As a New Yorker, as someone who watched the Towers fall and has lived in the city which has been scared for the past three years, I believe in preserving the sanctity of this event.

I was appalled last year to learn that nowhere in any of Muhlenberg's scheduled events for Sept. 11 was there any sort of memorial or gathering.

The Class Council of the Class of 2006 took it upon themselves to plan and conduct a candlelight vigil where over four hundred Muhlenberg students, faculty and staff attended.

I believed that this tremendous turn-out would have been a lesson to the College as to how important an event like this is to the Muhlenberg Community. Upon returning to school this year I was thrilled to hear that a group consisting of members of the administration and students had planned a gathering on the frontlawn on Sept. 11 at 9:11 p.m., this event was then rescheduled for 9:15 a.m. twelve hours earlier.

I attended this event, which I did not see one piece of publicity material for. Around 40 students, a handful of staff and a few members of the administration attended out of a college population of around 2,100. I was appalled at the low turnout, yet I was completely shocked when I was informed as to why the time of the ceremony had been changed.

The original plan, having the memorial at 9:11 p.m., would have conflicted with sorority rush. When I pressed members of the administration as to how that could be a justifiable reason to reschedule such a significant event I was told it didn't just have to do with rush, but it was a busy night, and there were a lot of

SEE NEGLECT | PAGE 3

Kerry calls out to locals at Friday Fair Festival

Kate Arney-Cimino
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

When I heard John Kerry was coming to Allentown on Friday, I immediately went online and printed out tickets to attend the rally. At first my goal was to meet him and get a picture with him. I really do care about the election, but at times who can't resist being star struck by a candidate?

As Friday neared, I learned that unless you had a red or a blue ticket you had no chance at all of even being close enough to shake his hand.

People who had red tickets had to know God, and people who had blue tickets had to know St. Peter. I,of course, had a white ticket.

Half-way to the fairgrounds, my friend Amy called to let me know she had two extra blue tickets. We ran the rest of the way. After going through metal detectors and passing a long line of port-a-potty, we entered the arena.

Oldies music like *Johnny B. Goode* and inspiring songs like U2's *Beautiful Day* were playing to pump up the crowd.

Volunteers were passing out bottled water, and Kerry staffers were handing out signs and using a giant sling-shot to send t-shirts into the crowd.

It was one of those few moments in life when I thought this is what America is really supposed to be all about.

Everyone was energized and having a good time, people of all ages were gatherd there, kids were waving minature flags and nearly everyone was kind and supportive to everyone else.

I know it matters a lot who becomes president in this next election, but if for one minute we could combine the Kerry crowds with their awe and their energy and the Bush supporters with their enthusiasm, we would have patriotism; we would have excitement.

> *People who had red tickets had to know God, and people with blue tickets had to know St. Peter. I, of course, had a white ticket.*

We would have the dream of America. On this day the dream of America may have included a little desire for shade.

Naturally, the only day the sun decides to shine in Allentown is the day there are fifteen thousand people crammed into a small space with lots of gravel absorbing the sun and lots of sweating.

However the heat further united this lively group of Kerry supporters. We were all hot, we were all tired of standing in the sun, but we were all excited to see John Kerry. As Kerry walked to the stage, the energy and excitement of the crowd, not to mention the noise, was so overwhelming, it was emotional. He bravely jumped on the stage to face this exuberant crowd, smiling and waving to all the people.

He took off his sports jacket, rolled up his sleeves, thereby displaying his LIVESTRONG bracelet, an accessory many in the crowd were also wearing, and instead of restricting himself to the podium, used all the space available, as actors and politicians are always told to do.

He started talking about the letter W and what it could stand for. I had a feeling it had something to do with Bush and I could think of a dozen words, such as weasel, and maybe wiener, but in the end W stood for WRONG: wrong choices, wrong direction, wrong leadership for America.

He said a good campaign should not resort to scare tactics, nor should it try to appeal to the lowest common denominator.

He also talked about Iraq, saying that the U.S. never goes to war because we want to, we go to war because we have to. He also spoke about jobs and healthcare.

After the speech, Kerry came around the outside of the barricade and shook people's hands, occasionally stepping up onto the barrier to lean further out over the crowd--something I would not dare to do.

I felt pretty special to be so close to such a celebrity. When my dad was younger, he could go into any club in New York and meet any famous singer who was there.

Today public figures are so inaccessible, they are almost untouchable. So having the opportunity to interact with an "untouchable," whether by shaking hands, or straightening ties, is intoxicating.

I don't know who will win this election, but I know that Bush is also having similar rallies around the country. I'm sure the energy is the same and the people are just as excited to meet him and shake his hand.

If there is something great about politicians, it is that they unite people for a common cause. The really good ones inspire us and make us work harder for what we believe, and that is why we are lucky to be in America.

SANGER

FROM PAGE 2

from Nazi Germany and she worked with W.E.B. DuBois and Mary McLeod Bethune to create clinics for black women here in America.

If Sanger were here today, she would likely side with Plan B emergency contraception, or the morning after pill. Emergency contraception does not cause an abortion; it prevents an egg from being fertilized.

It is basically a high dose of birth control pill and can be taken up to three days after unprotected sex, but is more effective sooner.

Unplanned pregnancies should be an event of the past. However, in most states, women seeking emergency contraception need a doctor's prescription. Emergency contraception is time-sensitive; if the condom breaks Friday night, it is a long wait until the doctor's office opens Monday morning.

Four months ago, the Food and Drug Administration rejected the application from the pharmaceutical makers of Plan B to distribute Plan B over the counter. This ruling was made despite a 23-4 vote from the FDA's advisory panel ruling that the drug could be administered over the counter.

Women's and reproductive rights' groups were frustrated; they viewed the incident as another example of the conservative party putting religion and politics before science.

Muhlenberg women wishing to obtain emergency contraception will be referred to the Planned Parenthood.

NEGLECT

FROM PAGE 2

"other things" going on. Well here is what I have to say to that, an event which has such tremendous meaning to the College Community should take precedence over rush, over a hip hop group and especially over "other things."

It is a shame that the school feels it necessary to put the needs of a few before the opinion and the desire of the many. There ended up being a candlelight vigil this year, organized by students who realized the magnitude of this event.

Nearly three hundred students came out last Saturday night, following a day of phone calls, hanging flyers and spreading the word. This should paint a very clear picture to this school.

I hope that this is the final lesson Muhlenberg College needs in order to get its priorities straight.

-Andrew Kalish
President, Class of
2006

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Managing Editor
Ben Veghte, Asst. Managing Editor

OPEN, News Editor
OPEN, OP/ED Editor
John Dunphy, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Sports Editor
Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editor
Julie Strasser, Focus Editor

Rob Kandel, Photography Editor
Daniel Isanuk, Business Manager
Laura Russell, Asst. News Editor
Michelle Sartor, Asst. News Editor
Michelle Quirk, Asst. News Editor
Amy Cookson, Asst. OP/ED Ediotr
Max Lux, Asst. OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Asst. Life! Editor
Robin DiCicco, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Johnny Canneto, Asst. Business Manager
OPEN, Design Consultant

Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Copy Editor Sveta Shah, Copy Editor
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom
(English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104

Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187
E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu

Website:
www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:

Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors, and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7 p.m. Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

All Rights Reserved © 2004

Hollywood blood: Violence in the world and media

By Max Lux
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

The newest wave of counter-terrorism measures, the latest death toll in Iraq and details of horrific shootings all litter the headlines, bylines and up-to-the-minute reports of the nation's media. So what do Americans do to ease their minds away from such atrocities?

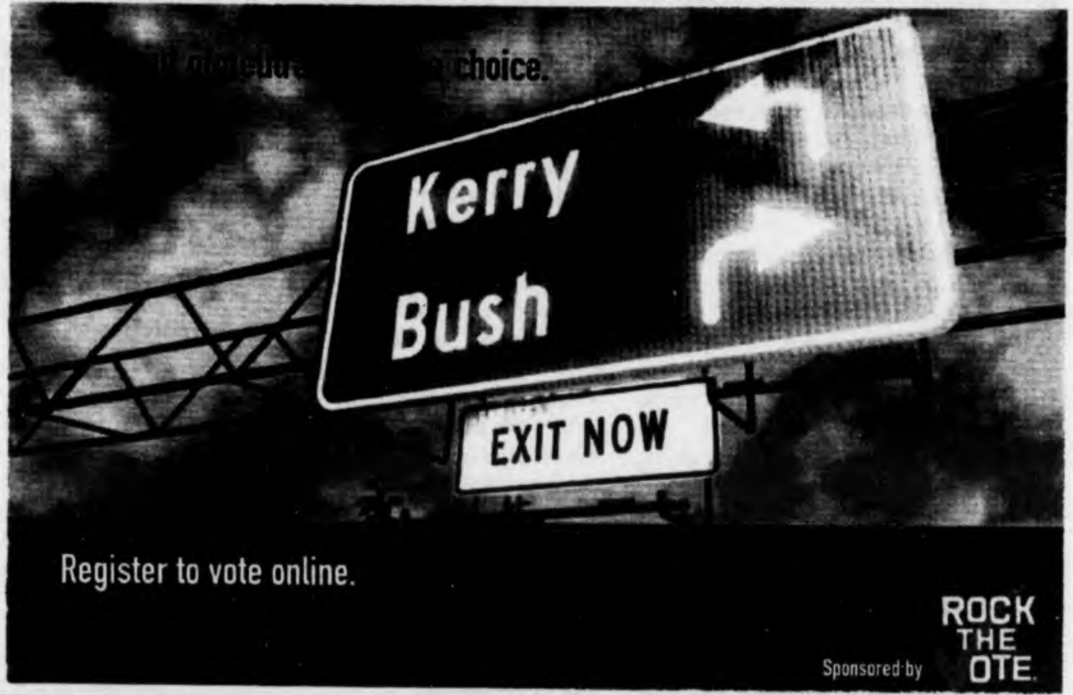
They go to the movies, and more often than not, violent films are the primary destination. *Alien vs. Predator, Hero, Anacondas: Search for the Blood Orchid*, and *Resident Evil: Apocalypse* are all big draws at the box office, even in these troubled times.

Escapist entertainment is big in America, films depicting violence, bloodshed and horror usually top tamer motion pictures when it comes to box-office revenue. Americans, it seems would rather have fictional characters deal with undead zombie hordes, rather than the tense political climate or frighteningly realistic war footage on television. Most well-faring films in theatres today have at least a central premise of violence or death, including tense drama *Wicker Park*, sci-fi slasher *Resident Evil* and samurai sword revenge-romp *Hero*, all of which are grossing over 10 million at the box office. Even when it comes to video and DVD sales, blood is king, with *Kill Bill* volumes One and Two doing exceptionally in the market.

So why all this screen blood-lust? Wouldn't it make more sense to spend our leisure hours with peaceful flicks or comedy, rather than elevate our level of exposure to these cinematic killing sprees? A quick reading into the nature of the media tells us that it rarely creates such trends, but rather expands on the pre-sets of society; whatever trend the populous is into, the more saturated the market will become. So this is completely our fault, we keep buying, so they keep producing.

Perhaps it's the country's need to desensitize itself to violence, albeit in a fantasy realm, rather than face it full-on in the great arena of the world.As a nation, we seem to be prepping ourselves for the worst when it comes to film; and yet, when something horrific happens in reality, on a much smaller scale, it hurts much more.

So when blood-sucking vampires and man-eating snakes, figments of writers' imagination, wreak pretend havoc on innocent, we can stare in disbelief, as the Hollywood blood looks just fake enough so that we cannot see it coming from one of our neighbors, one of our soldiers overseas.



Register to vote online.
Sponsored by ROCK THE OTE

Office DEPOT
What you need. What you need to know.™

Letter Size
Office DEPOT
So Set For School
COLLEGE AVE
DORM ROOM SUPPLIES
123456789

Paper, Pens, Planners, PCs...
all at student-friendly prices!

From power cords to printers and storage boxes to shelves, Office Depot has the technology and dorm supplies you need to get so set for school!

SAVE ON SUPPLIES
$5 OFF ANY Supplies Purchase Totaling $20 or More

$5 Coupon Savings offer good with ANY Supplies purchase of $20 or More. Present this coupon at time of purchase. Limit one coupon per customer/offer. Quantities limited. Coupon offer not valid for: contract customers with a store purchase card or procurement card; purchases from www.techdepot.com; purchases of Gift Cards, all technology items (including but not limited to all computers, monitors, printing machines, networking, peripherals, camera memory), and wireless, satellite, Internet, or mailing/shipping services. Photocopies and mechanical reproductions are not valid. Coupon is not transferable and not for resale. We reserve the right to limit quantities. Offer valid 8/16/04 - 10/9/04. Coupon is good for one-time use and redeemable in store only.

Office DEPOT. Coupon Code 92645526

SAVE ON SUPPLIES
$10 OFF ANY Technology Purchase Totaling $50 or More

$25 Coupon Savings offer good with ANY Furniture purchase of $100 or More. Present this coupon at time of purchase. Limit one coupon per customer/offer. Quantities limited. Coupon offer not valid for: contract customers with a store purchase card or procurement card; purchases from www.techdepot.com; purchases of Gift Cards, all technology items (including but not limited to all computers, monitors, printing machines, networking, peripherals, camera memory), and wireless, satellite, internet, or mailing/shipping services. Photocopies and mechanical reproductions are not valid. Coupon is not transferable and not for resale. We reserve the right to limit quantities. Offer valid 8/16/04 - 10/9/04. Coupon is good for one-time use and redeemable in store only.

Office DEPOT. Coupon Code 54237823

SAVE ON SUPPLIES
$25 OFF ANY Furniture Purchase Totaling $100 or More

$25 Coupon Savings offer good with ANY Furniture purchase of $100 or More. Present this coupon at time of purchase. Limit one coupon per customer/offer. Quantities limited. Coupon offer not valid for: contract customers with a store purchase card or procurement card; purchases from www.techdepot.com; purchases of Gift Cards, all technology items (including but not limited to all computers, monitors, printing machines, networking, peripherals, camera memory), and wireless, satellite, internet, or mailing/shipping services. Photocopies and mechanical reproductions are not valid. Coupon is not transferable and not for resale. We reserve the right to limit quantities. Offer valid 8/16/04 - 10/9/04. Coupon is good for one-time use and redeemable in store only.

Office DEPOT. Coupon Code 51323605

Get the Office Depot Advantage!
- Save 15% on Copy and Print services** such as binding, laminating, printing, stapling, and much more.
- Get up to 10% back* in Advantage Reward credits every quarter!
- Receive other great benefits such as special savings and members-only shopping events.
- Become an Office Depot Advantage member today! Simply stop by any of our stores or visit www.officedepot.com/Advantage. Enroll for FREE by using the Group Code 90578!

Office DEPOT ADVANTAGE

3 WAYS TO SHOP | CALL | 1.800.go.depot (1.800.463.3768) fax: 1.800.685.5010 | CLICK | officedepot.com AOL keyword: officedepot | COME BY | 1.800.go.depot (1.800.463.3768) to locate a store near you

Prices and offers expire on 10/16/04 (unless otherwise noted). Some products and offers may be available in store only. * You receive Reward credit for all qualifying purchases made in store, online or by phone. Maximum of $200 back per year, distributed quarterly in the form of an Office Depot Reward Card. Stop by the store or visit www.officedepot.com/Advantage for more details.
** 15% off Copy and Print offer excludes shipping services, postage services, and postage stamps. See store for details.

Greening Committee makes changes on campus

By Laura Russell
Asst. News Editor

After several years of pushing for the formation of a program that effectively manages environmental issues on campus, Randy Helm, President of the College, took the initiative last year and established the Muhlenberg College Campus Greening Committee.

According to Helm, after arriving from Maine, an area that places a great deal of emphasis on environmental issues, he found the College's recycling procedures to be deficient in several aspects.

"When I got to Muhlenberg it seemed that the policies and expectations for recycling were not being clearly communicated and that there was little recycling infrastructure," said Helm.

He also stressed the importance of promoting proper recycling behavior to Muhlenberg students.

"It seems to me that a college campus like ours is a community where you can and should try to ingrain good and sustainable life habits," said Helm.

While at Colby College, Helm was affiliated with a greening committee, and he explained that it could be very beneficial to Muhlenberg.

"If we graduate 500 seniors each year, that's potentially 32,500 person-years of recycling behavior we could influence each year," said Helm.

Because Helm believes the program to be so significant, he allocated a start-up grant of $7,500 from his discretionary fund to launch the recycling effort.

Helm wanted the committee to include faculty, students and staff, "but most particularly, I wanted key people around the table who would have to be involved in implementing new policies and procedures," he said.

Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, Associate Professor of Biology and Head of the Biology Department, and Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer of the College, currently chair the committee.

The committee's mission statement goals include examining and strengthening Muhlenberg's efforts to reduce waste, recycle and conserve energy and resources. Generally, the committee hopes to "promote a culture of sustainability" on campus according to Niesenbaum.

Niesenbaum said the committee is effective because it consists of faculty, administrators and students who are motivated by the realization that "if institutions like [the College] do not model sustainable and ethical living, it is not clear who will."

Other members of the committee include Jeff Demko, Grounds Supervisor of Plant Operations, Dick Begbie, Assistant Director of Plant Operations, and Aaron Bova, Assistant Director of Housing Services.

Several students including Kim Nguyen '07, who have established their own recycling program on campus, are also a vital aspect of the Greening committee according to Niesenbaum.

Furthermore, Niesenbaum emphasized that the campus has "faculty who teach environmental

SEE **GREENING** | PAGE 6

FORUM
FROM PAGE 1

on either preserving or improving the academic quality of the College.

"We wanted to maintain the quality of the Student Body." He explained that if the Student Body size increased, the cost of maintaining Muhlenberg's academic quality would be in jeopardy.

Another goal that emerged was to increase the average combined SAT scores to 1250 within five years.

As the forum progressed, discussion of the five-year strategy moved from the demographic and academic make-up of the Student Body to fundraising and future construction on campus.

Because construction and renovation are dependent on the school's ability to fundraise and acquire loans, Helm discussed the College's current economic position in relation to similar colleges.

Discussion addressing future construction on campus was also a significant topic. Helm stated that the College has attained a $25 million bank loan that will be used on improving the science facilities and appearance of Shankweiler, expanding and renovating Seegers Union, replacing Macgregor Village with a new permanent residence and providing extra funding for the Art and Music departments.

Helm stated that the College plans to continue providing a superb education for its students at a cost that is ten percent lower than its benchmark competition.

President Helm discusses the strategic plan in front of students, facutly and staff to get their feedback.

Photo by Rob Kandel

COMMITTEE
FROM PAGE 1

do to try to curb the number of sexual assaults.

The Task Force met throughout last semester and decided which recommendations could be implemented quickly and which were more long-range goals. Dr. Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College, chaired the original Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force. She said, "It's amazing because we've already been able to implement changes."

For example, this semester new employee orientation included information on the best ways to respond to students who come forward about a sexual assault. This change required no additional funding so it was quickly implemented.

Hass explained that some of the recommendations require new money or are focused on cultural changes that take time.

According to DiQuinzio, "A big piece of the problem has to do with people's values." She explained that the College wants to send a consistent message about treating people with respect. "We'd like to get to the point where sexual assault would be unthinkable on this campus," she said.

The original Task Force found that alcohol use and abuse was a major factor in sexual assaults.

Therefore, she said, "A lot of the recommendations go beyond the immediate problem and look at student social life." One recommendation the original Task Force made was to hold other types of social events without alcohol available to students.

Hass also commented about alcohol and its effect. She said, "If students choose to be more responsible about their drinking behavior, I think a lot of other problems may disappear."

Another recommendation from the original Task Force was that the College should do a better job supporting student groups that are dealing with the issue of sexual assault, such as Students Advocating Gender Equality (SAGE), Men Against Sexual Crimes (MASC), and Sexual Assault Support System (SASS).

The Implementation Committee has also explored using Student Athlete Mentors (SAM) as part of its effort. SAM has upperclassmen athletes help first-year students adjust to college life.

DiQuinzio said research suggests that sexual assaults are slightly more prevalent among athletes, although she said that is not really the case at the College.

She said that it is a good idea to have peers convey the College's values on sexual assault to younger students.

DiQuinzio is pleased that students have become involved. She said, "When students take leadership on this, it is 100 times more powerful."

She said it is important when men become involved because she believes male students are more likely to listen to other males.

The Implementation Committee is currently working on a hotline with information for victims of sexual assault.

DiQuinzio said she hopes it will be in place this year and that it will be an automated hotline with the option of speaking to a person live.

The Implementation Committee has received help from the Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley, which handles any type of crime. The group has provided training for the College.

DiQuinzio will set up an ongoing assessment program to see what impact new procedures have on the number of sexual assaults.

The goal of the Implementation Committee is to ultimately make it so there will be no need for the Implementation Committee at the College.

Eventually, everything the committee is doing should become standard procedure.

Class of 2008 continues trends

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

Made up of 559 new faces, this year's incoming first-year students come from a variety of backgrounds and bring with them a wide range of skills and talents.

The number of first-year students enrolled for the 2004 semester rose above the target number of 550 admissions.

> *"In addition to strong academic credentials, we are excited about the energy that this class brings to campus."*
>
> Christopher Hooker-Haring,
> Dean of Admission, Financial Aid

The numbers were very similar in comparison to last year's entering class, which had 589 students but only a target of 575 admissions.

"The College is aiming for stable enrollment at around 2,125 full-time, traditional day students," said Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid.

Not only was the mean SAT score for the incoming class higher, but the percentage of students who were ranked in the top tenth of their high school class rose as well.

The year's mean combined SAT was 1220, up from a score of 1212 a year ago. Individual averages were 608 in the Verbal section and 612 in the Math section.

Last year's class had a mean individual SAT score of 600 in Verbal and of 612 in Math. The percentage of incoming students ranking in the top tenth of their high school class was 43 percent this year, up from 39 percent last year.

Consistent with last year's data, this year's entering class contains 40 percent men and 60 percent women.

Currently, the traditional college-going population is 55 percent female and 45 percent male nationwide.

"Particularly at liberal arts colleges that do not have engineering, the one remaining discipline where males still significantly outnumber females, it is increasingly common for females to outnumber males on college campuses," said Hooker-Haring.

Also consistent with last year's class, 22 percent of this year's class resides outside of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or New York.

Students from New Jersey make up 36 percent of this year's class, which is up from approximately 32 percent of last year's class.

Students from Pennsylvania made up 29 percent of last year's class, while this year, these students make up only 24 percent of the class, a significant drop.

As far as cultural diversity is concerned, multicultural students make up 8.88 percent of this year's incoming class, while multicultural students made up 7.98 percent of last year's class.

This year, applications totaled 4,040, which is slightly less than the record-breaking applicant pool of 4,111 last year.

Despite this drop, Hooker-Haring points out that, "For the second year in a row, total applications topped 4,000."

This year's acceptance rate, or the percentage of applicants offered admission, was 44.8 percent, slightly higher than last year's 42.4 percent rate.

"In addition to strong academic credentials, we are excited about the energy that this class brings to campus. The first-year students have been active and involved across a broad sphere in high school. Such accomplishments include inventing new types of refrigerators, running their own companies, dancing at the Kennedy Center and acting in *The Sopranos*," said Hooker-Haring.

He said, "We can't wait to watch their accomplishments at Muhlenberg over the next four years."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
🌧	🌧	🌧
Rain	Rain	Rain
High: 76 Low: 60	High: 72 Low: 57	High: 76 Low: 58

GREENING

FROM PAGE 5

issues, as well as engage their students in projects and community service that relate directly to the committee's mission."

Finally, Niesenbaum maintains, "when it comes to greening our campus, Muhlenberg is not on the cutting edge."

Although there is much work to be done, he believes that the "commitment to catch up is here in the administration, the faculty, the plant operations staff and the students."

Some of the issues that the committee is concerned with include energy conservation, maintaining open space and greening all new building projects, as well as recycling and waste reduction.

The first big change that the committee made was adding a recycling component to move-in day.

With the support of Carol Shiner-Wilson, Dean of Academic Life, Nguyen and Bova, new students were provided with information about opportunities to recycle cardboard.

The cardboard was voluntarily collected by students, faculty and administrators and proved to be a huge success.

"It was a fine success and a nice improvement to the day as the trash dumpsters were noticeably a lot emptier," stated Nguyen.

A large amount of cardboard was removed from the waste stream and recycled.

"New students got a clear message that Muhlenberg is green and cares about the environment," stated Niesenbaum.

According to Nguyen, the Green Team has had a tremendous start.

"Hopefully it will continue to snowball as we work to prove to the campus that sustainability is a possibility that can be attainable through hard work, active participation and extreme dedication," said Nguyen.

Possible areas of interest in the future include preserving open space and keeping green ideals in mind, as well as developing efficient and alternative energy use.

Niesenbaum emphasized that greening a campus is not just about changes in infrastructure but "requires a cultural shift that results in sustainable behaviors becoming the norm."

The committee is working on both infrastructural and cultural change in regard to sustainability.

According to Niesenbaum, "If liberal arts colleges don't model sustainable and ethical living, who will?"

OFF CAMPUS

ROCK THE VOTE VISITS LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Bethlehem, Pa. – On Sunday, Sept. 12, the "Rock the Vote" tour bus attended Lehigh University for a free concert.

The purpose of the event was to encourage students to register and vote in the November election. "Rock the Vote", which is sponsored by MTV and Sunkist, was formed in 1990 as a nonpartisan organization.

Through all of its efforts over the years, the "Rock the Vote" tour has registered more than 3 million young people to vote, as well as 700,000 individuals this election year.

Prior to Lehigh, the tour had visited more than 60 cities and hopes to improve the turnout to the polls in the upcoming Nov. 2 election.

Performers included Dan Dyer, Wylde Bunch, and Shelly Fairfield. Organizers hoped to attract 2,000 individuals to the event however, only a few hundred attended.

Throughout history, younger individuals have had a low turnout at the polls until the 1992 election, in which 41 percent of young people voted.

LEHIGH VALLEY OFFERS MANY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Lehigh Valley, Pa. – According to a recent survey, the Lehigh Valley is listed as one of the best areas to conduct a job search.

Nearly half of the companies interviewed plan to hire more employees between October and December.

According to Kamran Afshar, a local economist, his surveys also show a positive trend in increased job opportunities.

In addition, according to monthly data from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, the amount of job opportunities has been slowly improving over time.

The number of layoffs have decreased, and the number of jobs have increased over the past year from 1,300 to 287,000.

The survey found that the best job opportunities can be found in the areas of construction, manufacturing, transportation/public utilities, finance/insurance and education and services.

Surveys included 120 employers in the Lehigh Valley.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

KERRY

FROM PAGE 1

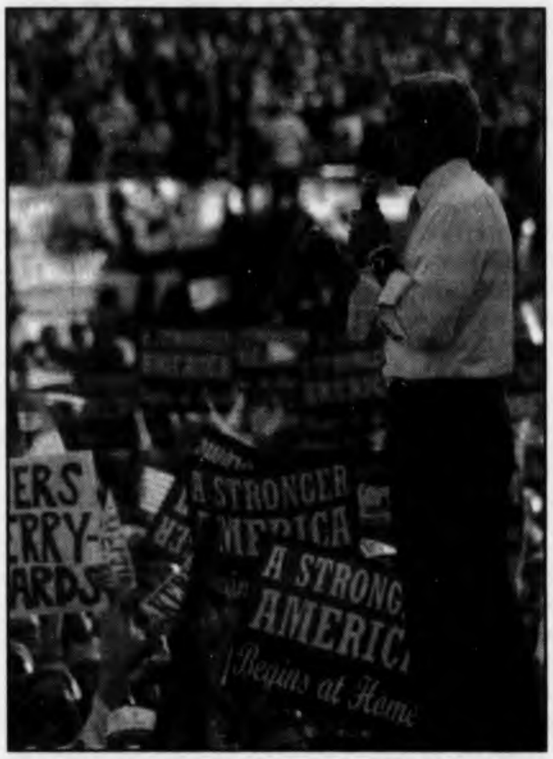
Working for the Lehigh Valley Kerry Campaign office since his return to the College for the semester, Alexander said that the rally "was the best turnout that Kerry has had at any rally."

After all the buildup, Kerry arrived and walked into the fairgrounds to deliver his thoughts on the future of the country to those in attendance.

As Kerry walked into the Fairgrounds with Bruce Springsteen blaring from the speakers, the crowd greeted him with roaring applause, chanting "Kerry" repeatedly.

With the music playing and the crowd members screaming at the top of their lungs, local residents might have confused the rally with one of the rock concerts that took place at the Great Allentown Fair last week.

Kerry pushed his way toward the stage, greeting audience members with handshakes and smiles.



An estimated crowd of 13,000 came out to hear Kerry speak.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

As Kerry took the stage, he proceeded to walk around the entire platform with his hands in the air giving a double thumbs up toward the audience members in the grandstand.

The grandstand itself was a vast ocean of red, white and blue from all of the American flags and Kerry signs that campaign workers distributed to the crowd earlier.

To begin his discussion, Kerry made reference to the incredible amount of work that local supporters did to prepare for his talk to Valley residents.

He informed the crowd that there was so much work to do at the Fairgrounds that the Kerry campaign had to hire an additional ten people to help prepare the stage for his talk.

"We put more people to work in one day than George Bush did in three years," Kerry said, poking fun at President George W. Bush's job growth record during his presidency.

Kerry then moved on to a topic that some see as the most important issue in the election, Iraq. "Bush messed up in Iraq," Kerry confidently declared. "I would not have done one thing differently in Iraq. I would have done everything different," he continued.

In reference to the 200 billion dollars that we used to go to war with Iraq, Kerry told the cheering crowd that the money could have been used to improve numerous social issues in the United States in need of reform.

Kerry chanted, "That's 200 billion dollars that could have been spent on prescription drugs, 200 billion dollars that could have gone to after school programs, 200 billion dollars that could have gone towards healthcare to all Americans, 200 billion that could have put Americans back to work."

Kerry then summed up the spending of 200 billion dollars on Iraq with one simple letter that would come to be the central political slogan of his rally, "W."

Kerry said, "When you think about that 200 billion dollars, you come up with this. That's W. Wrong choice, wrong direction, wrong leadership for America."

On the topic of outsourcing jobs, Kerry said that the Republicans told Americans that "outsourcing jobs is good for America" at the Republican National Convention in New York several weeks ago.

Following the boos from angered crowd members, Kerry showed voters that he has a witty side. "I'm surprised they didn't outsource their convention to New Delhi," he snickered.

Speaking seriously, Kerry touched on the stories he has heard from Pennsylvanians about their personal experiences outsourcing.

"Here in Pennsylvania you've lost a 160,000 manufacturing jobs," he said.

Senator John Kerry speaks about the war in Iraq and the outsourcing of jobs during his visit to the Lehigh Valley.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Kerry said that in his travels to the state he has heard of people losing their jobs and having to unbolt and ship overseas the very equipment on which they worked.

After touching on a range of topics that included healthcare, social security, and the ban on assault weapons, Kerry delivered his final words to the democrats in the crowd.

Kerry told the crowd that he was not going to let the Republicans divide the country any more. "We're not gonna let them divide our country into red states and blue states," said Kerry. "We're gonna make one America: red, white and blue for everyone."

Following his final comments, Kerry thanked the crowd for listening, and with the sun setting behind him through a giant American flag to the left of the stage, Kerry walked down the platform to greet audience members in the pit in front of the stage.

Reflecting on his first presidential political rally, Brian Krisukas '05 stated that although he was happy that Kerry focused on a variety of topics, he did not think that Kerry was very specific about his plans.

"I felt like he spoke in very general terms," Krisukas recalled. "He did not get too specific about anything. I also wish he discussed more topics that are pertinent to younger voters."

$25 just for opening an account? Sweet!

Totally FREE Student Checking.

You could win $20,000 in the Sovereign Campus Cash Sweepstakes!

Money on your mind? Open a Totally FREE Student Checking* account. You'll get lots of great features that make managing your money easy and convenient, like free NetBanking and BillPay. A no-annual-fee Sovereign Visa® CheckCard. And free transfers from your parents' account! We'll even give you a $25 Thank-You Bonus† just for opening the account. Plus, we'll enter you to win up to $20,000 in Sovereign Bank's Campus Cash Sweepstakes℠!†† For details, stop by, call, or visit us on the web.

1.877.SOV.BANK (768.2265)
www.sovereignbank.com/student

Sovereign Bank

DTD gets house back; Greeks rush

By Michelle Sartor
Asst. News Editor

After officially returning to campus as a recognized fraternity last year, the Delta Tau Delta (DTD) fraternity finally settled back into the 2202 Gordon Street house this semester. This addition comes in time for a new season of new member orientation and may be considered a mark of a strong overall Greek climate. Currently there are six brothers living in the DTD house, which is dry. The house was a M.I.L.E. house during the two years interim before being returned to DTD.

In order to obtain housing again, DTD brothers wrote a petition last year to the College, which outlined how they were going to maintain the house.

DTD brothers worked with Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Greek Affairs, and Aaron Bova, Assistant Director of Housing Services.

R.J. Caras, President of DTD, said the house is good for the fraternity because brothers can store items and will have a central meeting place.

Delta Tau Delta fraternity was allowed to return to their house at 2202 Gordon Street. In the interim, the house was converted into a M.I.L.E. house by the College.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Jachimowicz said, "The chapter completed their probationary requirements, and there were no impediments to their requesting and receiving housing." After reviewing the proposal; the College agreed to provide housing.

Caras said, "The school's major concern was academics, but all of our pledges made the Dean's List."

DTD, along with all officially recognized fraternities at the College, is active in the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), and Caras remarked that DTD has a representative at every meeting. Most recently, the Greek community united through the Greek Gods and Goddesses dance.

Jon Eddy, President of the IFC, thinks Greek life at the College is getting stronger. "We have made great strides socially, academically, as well as with policy enforcement and regulation of guidelines set by the College and national fraternities."

All four fraternities now have their own housing. Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp) and Phi Kappa Tau (PKT) each own their own houses while Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) and DTD brothers live in college-owned houses.

Eddy said, "Each chapter offers its own benefit to the College Community socially and through community service."

He believes the presence of the Greek system is a positive asset for the College.

"We look forward to continuing to better the fraternity system as a whole, and thus, I believe we will better the campus as well," said Eddy.

According to the current draft of the College's Strategic Plan, the College looks forward to "strengthening the Greek system as a focus for character and leadership development."

In addition to four fraternities, the College also has four sorority houses.

Meredith Feezer, President of the Panhellenic Council, said, "The Greek Task Force has made it possible for Greeks to communicate directly with the administration, and we are working on an agreement with the school as to what we can expect from the school and what the school can expect from us."

The rush process concluded last week for the fraternities and sororities. The fraternities welcomed 12 candidates for both DTD and AEPi, 10 for SigEp and six for PKT. The sororities welcomed 26 candidates for both Delta Zeta and Alpha Chi Omega, 22 candidates for Phi Sigma Sigma and six candidates for Phi Mu. The Greek organizations look forward to a productive year with their potential new members.

MAKE YOUR OWN HOURS

All you do is sell the Hawaiian Tropic Break 2005 Travel Program
Represent an American Express "Student Travel" Company
Guaranteed Highest Commission
Free Trips & Great for Resume
Your pay equals your efforts
AMERICAN STUDENT Vacations
1-800-336-2260
www.americanstudent.info

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 8 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Two students were involved in a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Liberty Street.

Sept. 9 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm sounded in East Hall due to water in the smoke detector.

Sept. 9 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the 26th and Chew St. parking lot, the keyhole of the door handle on the driver's side of a student's car appeared to be tampered with and was damaged, but nothing was stolen from the vehicle.

Sept. 10 – Disorderly Conduct – A dispute between a boyfriend and girlfriend caused a disturbance in South Hall.

Sept. 10 – Smashed Window – Damage was done to a window due to a rock that was flung up from under a lawn mower.

Sept. 11 – Alcohol Violation – Eleven students were involved in alcohol consumption in South Hall, but only three to four of those students will be referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 11 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm sounded at 417 Leh Street due to smoke from a pan.

Sept. 11 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A motor vehicle accident occurred on the front drive when an EMS vehicle backed into a parking space and hit another vehicle.

Sept. 11 – Alcohol Violation – Underage drinking occurred at an off-campus location during a party held there. The students were told to clear the party out, and no arrests were made.

Sept. 11 – Theft – A student reported his subwoofer stolen from his car located in the 23rd and Gordon St. parking lot. There appeared to be a hole that was punched near the locking mechanism of the car.

Sept. 12 – Disorderly Conduct – A first-year student was found urinating on a tree at the corner of 23rd and Gordon St. and was referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 12 – Vandalism – In East C Hall, the metal bars on one of the windows in the stairwell was smashed.

Sept. 12 – Alcohol Violation – A first-year student was found consuming alcohol on the first floor of Walz Hall and was transported to the hospital. The student was referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 12 – Alcohol Violation – A first-year student was found consuming alcohol on the second floor of Walz Hall and was transported to the hospital. The student was referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 12 – Noise Complaint – There was a complaint of noise coming from the East quad at 4:30 a.m. consisting of air horns.

Sept. 12 – Trespassing – Two non-students gained access to Taylor Hall with the use of a student's ID card and proceeded to walk through the halls saying, "This is a wake up call." They were charged with failure to comply, underage consumption of alcohol, disorderly conduct, and campus violations. Thomas Mahoney of 3712 Oakwood Trail, Allentown, and another individual, were both taken into custody by the Allentown Police Department.

Sept. 12 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A motor vehicle accident occurred on 26th St. when one student rear-ended another student's car.

Sept. 12 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm sounded in Benfer Hall due to burned popcorn.

Sept. 12 – Injured Student – A student who had an ankle injury was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Sept. 12 – Burglary – A Prosser Hall student reported $100 was stolen from a wallet in the room.

Sept. 12 – Sexual Harassment – The students involved in the harrassment episode were referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 13 – Injured Student – A student with an ankle injury was transported to the hospital.

WEEKLY
life!

"My life has a superb cast, but I can't figure out the plot."

- Ashleigh Brilliant

17th Floor raps up in Garden Room

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

Many performers have found their way to the College in the past. Musicians of all genres, hypnotists, mind readers, comics and a multitude of others have all come and gone. However, none of these other entertainers could have prepared us for the explosion of sound that was 17th Floor.

On Friday night, the Garden Room was moved like it had never been before. Once the band was set up, it's as if there was a constant flow of energy 'from the stage. Usher's former band played covers of several pop songs as well as a few of their own mixes. The music was loud, the songs were popular and the response was astounding. Although the turnout was not as good as it could have been, the students who did attend were treated to a show that was unparalleled.

The group was originally started when drummer Greg Thompson and his bass guitarist brother Aaron Thompson, along with their neighbor Faryl got together and decided to make a band. It took some time for the group to actually come together. After numerous auditions, the three were finally able to piece together the final four parts of the group. They had been playing for local arenas and college campuses when the female rap group TLC picked them up for their tours. After that, it was just one gig after the other. They have played with such hit stars as Boyz II Men, M.C. Hammer and Jodeci. It wasn't until the then up-and-coming star, Usher found them that they first got a steady gig.

Now, they have gone full circle, and after playing for thousands of audience members at a time, have returned to touring campuses and performing at other private functions.

17th Floor has toured the nation with pop stars such as TLC, Boyz II Men and Usher. Now they have made a name for themselves and perform for local venues and campuses.

PHOTO COURTESY OF WWW.CMTALENT.COM

As they played a cover of Nelly's "Hot in Herre," three of the singers got in line and started dancing with one another. The students in the audience laughed at first, but it wasn't long before they were doing it as well. Not only were they great musicians, but they were generally good performers as well. Their attitude got everyone in the audience involved, and with the smaller group attending the function, they were able to actually look at individual people and sing to them instead of just *at* them.

This show was fantastic. No matter what kind of music you're into; the band made you lose yourself in its own special blend of rap and hip-hop music. Whether they were on the dance floor or just sitting in the General's Quarters, students, faculty and staff alike could be seen moving to the rhythms and beats of The 17th Floor.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS YOUR STRATEGIC PLAN?

"Eat my vitamins, say my prayers... Hulkamania baby."

-Mike Rourke '05

"To get you to stop asking me questions"

-Megan Prima '07

"To make up answerable survey questions."

-Nikki DeMaio '08

"To do well."

-Jimmy Deom '08

"To not be bound by strategy."

-Matt Giampieto '08

COMPILED BY JOHN DUNPHY AND ROB KANDEL

Muhlenberg Tonight sees final dawn

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

"Hello everyone. Welcome to the final season premiere of *Muhlenberg Tonight with Mitchell Hart Cooper.*"

These are the words that will be heard on channel 21, Sept. 27 at 9 p.m. These will be the start of the end for Mitchell Cooper's '05 brain child, *Muhlenberg Tonight.*

Muhlenberg Tonight has been airing for the past three years on MCTV (Muhlenberg College Television). It began when a first-year Cooper decided he wanted to start his own television show. He had been on his high school's television program and had worked his way up to anchorman and producer. Once in college, he decided to explore the possibility of bringing a show to the College's viewers.

"The first show was shot in Seeger's [Student Union] lobby in the corner." Cooper explained that although this gave the show tons of free advertising, the location made it easier for distractions and was definitely imperfect from a technical aspect. Wires would be lying everywhere, and very little could be done in regards to editing.

It wasn't until Walson Hall was built that the show finally found a home. Currently, *Muhlenberg Tonight* is shot in the production studio of Walson. This allows for a multitude of possibilities in regards to effects and entertainment. Also, it gives the entire show a more professional feel while allowing things to be kept simple and basic.

Location hasn't been the only change made to the show over the years. Cooper says that he is constantly looking for feedback on the program and uses whatever suggestions he gets in order to make the show an overall, better experience. He also states that, in terms of content for *Muhlenberg Tonight*, most of the changes are made through a "live and learn" philosophy. Something odd that has changed through the years of *Muhlenberg Tonight*, is the actual name of the show. Originally entitled, *Muhlenberg Tonight with Mitchell Cooper*, Cooper decided to add in his middle name to give the show more of a professional feel.

The set is simple but effective. A table and a few chairs on wheels are the only furniture, but they serve well as Cooper and his guests go over the important issues that only people such as wrestlers and animal preserve workers can even begin to conquer.

Although the set does serve its purpose well, it is not the sole area in which filming takes place. For example, in this up-and-coming episode, Cooper dresses up as a chef and walks through first-year dorms claiming to be room service. By getting students involved, they will be much more likely to watch the show.

For some, the television show isn't just an extracurricular activity, but a learning experience as well. Students that intend to volunteer on the show often find that they learn much about the business of television, as well as the art of video production. Pamela Phelps '07 had never picked up a camera before the shooting of the final premiere on Monday, yet there she was behind a massive TV camera learning how to use the equipment that any television station would use. "We

SEE **TONIGHT**
PAGE 12

Review Corner:
Resident Evil: Apocalypse
"The end is near? Thank God!"

By Robert Plonskier
WEEKLY LIFE! CRITIC

Sienna Guillory, the actress who plays Jill Valentine in *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*, claims she studied the movements of her character's video game counterpart in order to better warm-up for the role. Now, I've played the video games, and I know that this film is very much derived from the third game in the series, *Nemesis*, for the original PlayStation console. I very clearly remember the five or six actions she would go through; walking, running, climbing, shooting, and looking around. A three minute shower scene is more complex than all of these.

I'm going to assume that Ms. Guillory probably won't be walking home with the Oscar this year, because it's not as if she has much of a chance for an award. The movie opens up with a rundown of the events of the first film. This takes us through a jittery, swirling, hasty montage of images in which the underground facility of Umbrella, the largest corporation in the world, becomes overrun with zombies after some biochemical leakage of sorts. Two people managed to survive the incident: one of them being Alice, played by Milla Jovovich; in this follow-up she manages to find herself in Raccoon City. The abandoned town stands above the aforementioned facility, and she must now deal with an entire city that has been infected and quarantined. This is where the movie officially begins.

The narrative of the story, however, never quite slows down from the rocketing pace of the exposition. We jump back and forth between concurrent events with the frenzy and chaos of a breaking news story. When the action really heats up, barely five minutes into the film, we are jolted by loud, abrasive sound effects and jarring cuts of monsters on ceilings and zombies on the prowl. When a few lucky survivors are thrown together, including Jill, who's dealt with this situation before, Carlos, a special forces guy who's real tough, and a token black guy, who carries gold-studded guns in raging-stereotype fashion, the film barely gives them time to speak. When they do, it's always while they're on the run, It's as if the filmmakers know the audience could really care less about what any of them has to say. No one is going to see this movie for the plot. Keep to the senseless killing, and you're golden.

The dialogue is kept flat and colorless, and the story is kept secondary, much like a video game. Superior to the original, but far inferior to recent zombie-esque movies such as *28 Days Later* and *Dawn of the Dead*, *Resident Evil: Apocalypse* manages to be a decent zombie movie while not being good at all. It sticks to all the conventions of the genre while focusing on the nitty-gritty: action, violence and loud sounds. Not to mention-three zesty lead women (one of whom gets eaten by a bunch of zombie children), and, of course, Milla Jovovich running down the side of a building, all done in delightfully shameless fashion.

It may not be saying much, but this may be the best video game adaptation around.

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Mr. 3000
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Cellular
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Collateral
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:40, 7:00, 10:10
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Paparazzi
Fri. 8:00, 10:15
Sat. 8:00, 10:15
Sun. 8:00

Princess Diaries 2
Fri. 5:00
Sat. 1:20, 5:00
Sun. 1:20, 5:00

Resident Evil: Apocalypse
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Wicker Park
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Without a Paddle
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Acropolis plays Red Door

Aristotle continues to roll in his grave

Jack, Michael Bogart '06, gets accosted by his principal, Frank Barranca '06 and the Grammar Police, Goran Ivanovski '06 after writing a grammatically incorrect suicide note.

PHOTO BY AARON WAGNER

By Kimberly Dippold
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

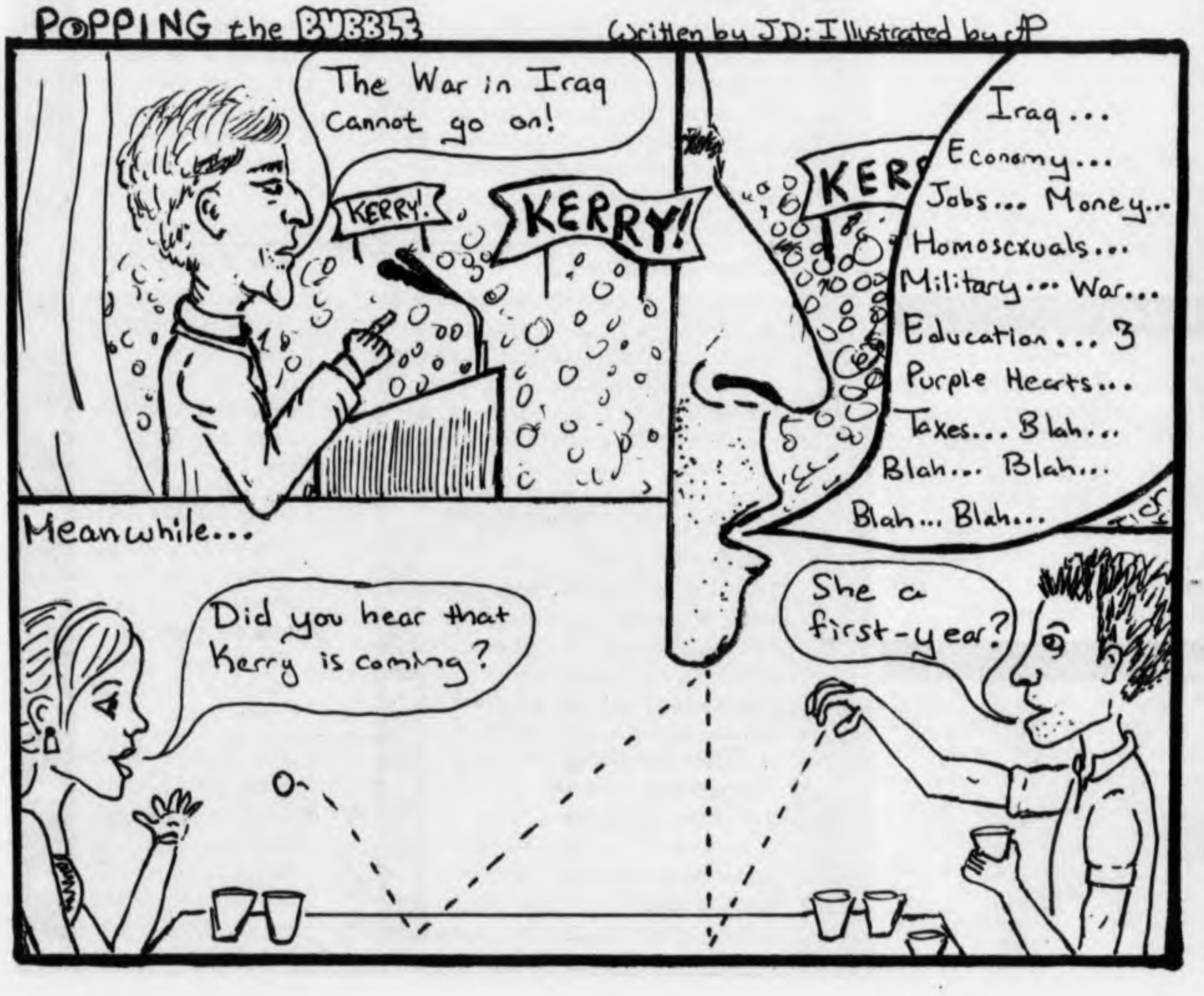
The Acropolis appeared on Sunday night with a refreshing dose of sick humor. From the start, the show promised to throw taste, taboos and edification out the window. The show featured a talented group of students that had composed their own sketch comedy routine. The students, all sophomores, involved in the show were Frank Barranca, Michael Bogart, John Dunphy, Goran Ivanovski, Lisa Kowalski and Jill Pavlov. All had been friends before the group was even formed.

This was the group's second performance. Last year they had gone up during finals of the Fall semester. Now, a week before three of their members are to leave for the abroad program in England, they have come back to perform again.

Although all of the actors were featured throughout the night, the main character appeared to be the downtrodden loser, Bogie (Michael Bogart). Despite his apparent "loserness," he was able to steal the show in spite of himself. His style of slapstick humor complimented his role as the "new member" of Acropolis.

These comics mixed live sketches along with previously filmed videos to tell the hilarious story of this young underdog. What started off as a simple opening of a show became an entire theme that was brought back several times throughout the show. The storyline progressed and became an initiation for the young comic. They made it quite clear that they would haze their newest member much like the way movies such as *Old*

SEE COMEDY | PAGE 12


POPPING the BUBBLE
Written by JD: Illustrated by AP
The War in Iraq Cannot go on!
KERRY!
KERRY!
KER
Iraq... Economy... Jobs... Money... Homosexuals... Military... War... Education... 3 Purple Hearts... Taxes... Blah... Blah... Blah... Blah... Blah...
Meanwhile...
Did you hear that Kerry is coming?
She a first-year?

TONIGHT | FROM PAGE 10

always want new folks. Never say you're too young or inexperienced to do it."

One question that begs to be asked is, "What will happen after this year?" With Mitchell Cooper being a senior, it is still up in the air if *Muhlenberg Tonight* will continue after he has graduated. "I hope someone steps up in their own style. The more programs, the better," he said.

Since the show has been running for three years, there are bound to be moments that stick out to Mitch as being the "favorites."

"Last season, we had Jason Klein '05 and Troy Dwyer, Professor of Theater and Dance, as guests. The three of us together...it was just great. I really enjoyed it."

Mitch also says that, were it not for the show, there wouldn't be any way for him to be allowed to do the things that he does. One highlight of last season for Mitchell was when he was allowed to wear construction gear and walk around the construction site that was the Life Sports Center. "Who else would let me do something like that," Cooper asked in disbelief of his own accomplishment.

Mitchell encourages others to start their own programs on MCTV, even if they do not necessarily run a variety show program; just so long as students use the station to it's fullest capacity. He does say, however, that there is a cost to it: "I love it. It's a lot of work, but I enjoy doing it."

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop to look around once in awhile, you could miss it."

That's how we feel too,
Ferris Bueller.
Help others find Life!.

e-mail: forest5934@aol.com
ext.: 5616

POLLS ARE OPEN
UNTIL 8 P.M.

(WE KNOW HOW COLLEGE STUDENTS FEEL ABOUT WAKING UP EARLY)

REGISTER BY
OCT4
YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE
MAKE SURE IT IS HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR.
1-877-VOTESPA | votespa.com
> ready > set > vote

horoscopes

By Psychic McMindreader

Aries

This just in: don't drink if you're under 21. Cigarette smoking causes cancer, as does sun-bathing and tanning beds. Crying really doesn't solve anything. Any talk about abortion will result in a three-hour long discussion in which no one can possibly win. Puppies are still cute; Darth Vader, technology and Satanists are still evil. Thank you for your time.

Taurus

The future is lurking around the corner, ever closer, creeping steadily towards you, fangs bared and waiting to strike! Beware! Actually, in all truth, don't fear what's to come. Instead, welcome it with open arms. Then, when it bites you in the face and sucks you dry, you'll feel better about it. Yeah, it's been a long week, and honestly, the stars don't write these things themselves.

Gemini

When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. When life gives you apples, make applesauce. But when life gives you watermelons filled with razor-blades, run like heck. It's just common sense, man! This week is going to be filled with more twists and turns than an M. Night Shymalon movie on a roller coaster. Except for *The Village*. That was terrible, even without a roller coaster.

Cancer

Have you ever seen the film *Alien*? The one where the mysterious creature attaches itself to a man's face, and injects an embryo down his throat, and then, hours later, a horrific creature bursts through his chest cavity in a fountain of gore and horror? No, you've never seen it? Well study up, 'cause your cuisine this week could do worse to you if you're not careful.

Leo

Some people have asked me how I write these wonderful pieces of astral knowledge that the student body consumes. Actually, truthfully, no one asks me, they just assume I pull this stuff out of thin air. How do I do it? Well, I won't divulge my secrets, only hint cryptically that it has something to do with Victor's Lament and sun-dials.

Virgo

In the classic Star Trek series, there was an episode entitled "The Trouble With Tribbles." The plot centered around cute little balls of fur called "Tribbles" that multiplied faster than rabbits in a bag of Viagra. Eventually the starship Enterprise is overrun with the once-adorable critters. The moral of this story is: "Get your pets neutered."

Libra

Love is an abstract concept, one that cannot simply be defined in words, or pictures, paintings or music. It is simply ungraspable-an emotion so complicated it could take an eternity to explain, yet so simple, one could recognize it in a matter of seconds. Love truly is the greatest, most wonderful mystery of them all. Too bad your boyfriend's cheating on you.

Scorpio

You will die miserable and alone. Or you won't die miserable and alone; the decision is really up to you and the way you choose to lead your own life. But remember: if you isolate those who love you, shun the affections of that pretty girl in Chem class and don't live up to your potential, both academically, spiritually and socially, chances are you have a date with the first one.

Sagitarius

John Kerry recently spoke in Allentown, and many students waited in long lines in searing heat and humidity just to see the presidential hopeful recite his ideas for change. The College Republicans met in their air-conditioned dorms and drank cold lemonade. And what did you do? You slept in and had a luau with your dorm-mates. That's really progressive, isn't it?

Capricorn

Here is your much needed moment of personal zen. If reality as we know it is false, and the falsehood of all reality is unquestioned, this creates a universal paradox in which we simultaneously exist and do not exist, which means your half-done term paper is indeed complete, as half of it does not exist, and thus does not matter. Or I could be lying, and you are indeed screwed.

Aquarius

When next you consider yourself burdened unjustly with the weight of the world, consider the plight of the kiwi. This small, flightless bird the size of an orange, with a brain the size of pea, has no means of defense, and is essentially nature's practical joke. When the platypus needs someone to make fun of, you better bet he picks on the kiwi.

Pisces

You find yourself more and more anxious for winter to start this week, which is odd, seeing as fall has barely started. The windows in your room are lined with paper snowflakes, and a light-up Santa is perched atop your desk, while you clutch a blanket close to you. The nation-wide energy crisis and OPEC thank you.

COMEDY

| FROM PAGE 10

School and *Van Wilder* depict it: with physical abuse and mind-numbing tasks. One member in the video gets confused and hazes himself, which later leads to his own suicide by dryer.

He was put through a series of comical tests during his comedy hazing. These tests ranged from avoiding a machete carrying crime boss to spell-checking a suicide note he wrote himself. The whole performance from beginning to end was one big joke with Bogie as the punch line.

No one was safe from the sketch group's antics. They tackled subjects such as hazing, stereotypes and even took a stab at the College itself. In a video entitled, "Race to Campus Safety," the young comedians pointed out the flaws in the College's Red Zone programming.

All of the skits were original and created by the cast members themselves. One sketch which seemed to stick out as some of the funniest were the drug-crazed businessman and the colorful boy band. What added to the humor was that this was no ordinary boy band; they live in their friend's basement and are not allowed to be near children due to one of the member's controversial lawsuit. Not only did they tackle the boy band scene through words, but they actually sang a song as well. The musical component came much to the dismay of the audience.

At some points, the sketches seemed to go too far. The "Race to Campus Safety" left some people questioning whether or not they should laugh or be offended. The point was that if a person were to wake up next to someone they don't know, and vice versa, then the first one to get to a Campus Safety official would be declared the victim of rape. Although the film was a satire on college regulations, it was not necessarily appreciated by the entire crowd.

This touchy subject illicited several nervous laughs. There was also a section where the group seemed to offend more than invoke laughter. The basis of one sketch was that each member of the group was playing another's racial stereotypes. There were definitive Jewish characters that talked about money, an Irish drunk girl and a couple of Mafioso Italians. Not only did the sketch flat out stereotype cultural groups, but in the end, one character actually denounced his nationality claiming to be a Mexican instead of a Macedonian. All this was done while holding vegetables in such a way as to make them extremely phallic. This was just a little extra crass humor that eased the tension from the massive amount of derrogitory terms.

Altogether, despite the slurs and multitude of dull physical humor, the show was innovative and held the audience's attention until the very end.

LIFE! EDITOR'S PICKS OF THE WEEK

VIDEO GAME	***Spider-man 2*** The game allows for the character, Peter Parker, a.k.a. Spider-man, to go anywhere on the platform and do anything he pleases. In this role playing game, you can follow the movie story line or go around town just stopping crime and being the best darn Spidey you can be. Amazing graphics and backgrounds make this a must-have.	***The Editor Says:*** Awe-inspiring. I swear I needed a cigarette after playing it. Granted, the controls take a few minutes before they come natural, but trust me my friends, it is worth it. Definitely worth it.
MOVIE	***Cruel Intentions 3*** This movie employs the typical "sex and bet" philosophy of the last two, but only now, the rich pre-madonnas are in college and the story takes flight from there. More betting, a lot more gratuitous nakedness, and there is even the semblance of a moral at the end. Great for late nights.	***The Editor Says:*** This series follows the *Jurassic Park* series. *3* is better than *2* but nowhere near the original. Actually, if you look away from the useless sex, it's not a bad film.
CD	***Garden State: Soundtrack,*** Various Artists The movie was good; the soundtrack is better. What makes the soundtrack worth buying is that it is a fantastic mix of old classics and indie-pop. The way the songs tie together actually make you feel a character's arch.	***The Editor Says:*** Not a big fan of the "indie" scene, but this soundtrack did perk my interest. Especially after watching the movie, you can truly experience how "Large" feels.
BOOK	***A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*** by Dave Eggers A story of a boy who is forced to become a parent figure to his brother after his parents die. The book then follows the heart-wrenching tale of these two brothers as they work towards finding their place in society.	***The Editor Says:*** Incredible! That's it. In fact, you should put this down, get on 22 over to Border's and go get it. It was simply enthralling, and each page made you want to read the next.

Achieving High Goals
Mule Profile: Julie Lauro

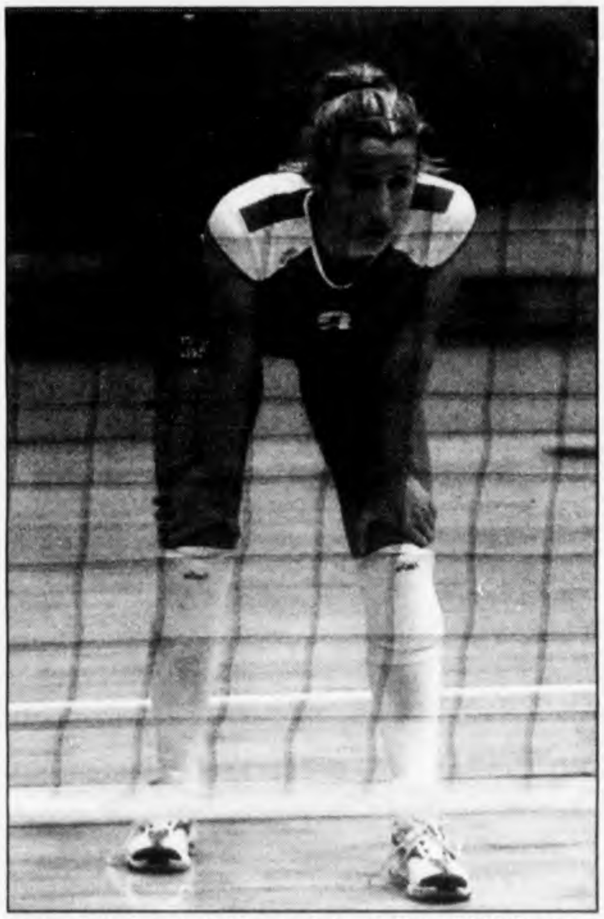

Junior Julie Lauro is the captain of the Muhlenberg Women's Volleyball Team.

Photo by Rob Kandel

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

As the new captain of the Volleyball team, Junior Julie Lauro brings talent, energy and knowledge of the sport onto the court. The 5'11" outside hitter from Wycoff, NJ graduated from Ramapo High School with varsity letters in both Volleyball and Track.

"In high school I competed in the high jump and sprinted the 200. It was a lot of fun and a lot of work, but at the same time it was equally important because it made me realize how much I really love volleyball. Although track was great, I didn't feel the same way about it as I did about volleyball," Lauro said.

In addition to the major accomplishment of being a three year starter, Lauro has recently reached a very important milestone in her college volleyball career. Last weekend, at the Moravian Greyhound Premiere Classic Tournament, Lauro became the fourth player in team history to reach the 1,000 kill mark in a career.

Lauro, however, is not fully satisfied with this accomplishment. "My personal goal is to reach 2,000 kills, which will be difficult but is definitely achievable. As long as I keep working hard, I think anything is possible," Lauro said.

When Lauro was first introduced to the sport of volleyball at age thirteen, she became immediately hooked. "I loved the sport from the second I first played," Lauro said. "My sister, who was a year ahead of me, also played volleyball. She was always pushing me to do better," she added.

Lauro's sister remains an influential part of her volleyball career. She is also motivated by her father, who attends all of her games and is a constant pillar of support for Lauro.

"My dad is my biggest influence and one of the reasons why I work so hard in volleyball. He is an inspiration for me and is always there to cheer me on. He is always at my games and overall pushes me to do better every day," Lauro said.

Lauro remains modest when discussing her volleyball skills and attributes much of her success to Coach Chipman. "Our coach really tries to make us learn different positions in the game; she allows us to work on different hitting patterns," Lauro said.

Junior setter Mary Henning has been a teammate and friend of Henning for the last three years.

"Julie's work ethic has always been very positive. She is definitely one of the hardest workers on the team," Henning said.

"Julie has been starting with me since freshman year, and she has always been a huge contributor, both on and off the court. We have been in many tough situations during games, and Julie has always stepped it up when called upon. She is the kind of player that is a very vocal leader and would do anything for you," Henning added.

Chipman agrees with Henning, "Surpassing the 1,000 kill mark was a great achievement for Julie. She is doing very well and is learning the captain leadership role as a junior, which is a difficult task."

"Julie is a hard worker who pushes the team to accelerate as well. She is always pushing herself very hard and maintains good work ethic day in and day out," Chipman said.

Lauro holds high, but attainable goals for her team this season. "In our first tournament we got to play two of the top teams in our conference, and we definitely have just as much, if not more talent as they do. We are well equipped with the passion and the ability to succeed, and my goal for our team is to win quickly and not prolong games. I expect us to put up a fight during every game," Lauro said.

As a student athlete, Lauro is very impressed with Muhlenberg's dedication to athletics as well as academics.

In her spare time, Lauro has volunteered at Habitat For Humanity in Allentown. Through this agency, she helps build homes for those in poverty.

Although Lauro realizes that it will become more difficult to play competitive volleyball after she graduates, she will take with her the ever-lasting memories of the Muhlenberg Volleyball Team, which holds a special place in her heart.

StudentCity.com
Spring Break
17 HOT DESTINATIONS!
Book Early & Receive:
Free Meals
Free Drinks
Free T-Shirt
Official Partner Of Maxim Break
CAMPUS REPS WANTED
Travel Free & Be VIP
1.888.Spring Break
www.studentcity.com

DID YOU KNOW?

ENGLAND'S KING EDWARD III BANNED SOCCER BECAUSE HE FELT IT WAS EXCESSIVELY VIOLENT. THE KING ALSO CITED ITS POPULARITY AS DISTRACTING FROM ARCHERY PRACTICE AND THEREFORE, THE MILITARY.

(HTTP://WWW.TEACHPE.COM/SPORTS_FACTS.DWT0)

WRITE FOR SPORTS

CONTACT KRISTEN AT KRISTENZIEGLER81@HOTMAIL.COM

OR ALLISON AT AAUCLAIR@MUHLENBERG.EDU

SOCCER

FROM PAGE 15

which turned out to be the goal that kept the Muhlenberg women in the game and began overtime play.

"Becky is a great role model for the team, and works very hard day in and day out as a player. She is a true team leader and someone we can really turn to in order to pull us out of a difficult time," Macomber said. "Overall, Becky is a huge asset to our team."

With three minutes left in the second overtime, the senior captain headed the game-winner off of a cross from Junior Kate Amari, giving the hosting Mules a 3-2 victory in their Mules Classic Tournament.

"We have really been working hard in practice and had a great preseason, and we are thrilled that our hard work and dedication is beginning to show during the games," Macomber said.

"The underclassmen are really contributing and are definitely beginning to become leaders as well," she added.

Sophomore Kayla Boisvert also performed well, finishing the game with five saves, bringing her to a total of seven saves for the weekend.

Scranton won the Mule Classic for the fourth time in seven years.

The Mules will take on McDaniel University this Saturday at home.

Mules win two, lose two in Buttermaker

By Brandon Mefford
Weekly Sports Writer

VOLLEYBALL

Over the weekend the Mules hosted the Buttermaker Tournament. Their first game was held on Friday, in which the Mules played the College of Misericordia and won in three games (30-23, 30-18 and 30-21).

Junior Julie Lauro led the team with eleven kills and ten digs giving her a double-double.

Their second match was played against the Montclair State Red Hawks, and Sophomore Lauren Masem was the star of the game, serving twelve straight points including three aces.

Junior co-Captain Mary Henning also helped defeat the Red Hawks by providing 34 assists. The Mules won in three games (30-18, 30-16 and 32-30).

After winning the Pool A division, the Mules were placed in the Championship bracket and faced Kings College early Saturday morning.

After dropping the first set 30-26, the Mules showed signs of life, winning the second set, 30-18.

The Monarchs then came on strong to win the next sets 30-25, 30-25 to win the match 3-1.

King's College then lost to Florham, making a championship match of Muhlenberg vs. Florham.

This match was a suspenseful nail-biter from the beginning. Muhlenberg won the first set by a slim margin of 30-26 and won the second set by an even closer margin of 30-27.

With only one more set to win in order to clench the tournament championship, the third set consisted of many exciting long lasting volleys.

Although the Mules had the crowd on their feet, they eventually dropped the third set 30-27, followed by disappointing losses in the fourth and fifth sets.

Despite the loss, the Mules' hard-hitting front line did very well. Lauro scored 26 kills while Sophomore Kate Haggerty had eleven and Sophomore Monica Sella, ten kills.

On defense, Junior Jen Weist and Freshman Megan Young contributed 28 and nineteen digs respectively.

Henning also had an incredible effort with 53 assists. She averaged an amazing 10.53 assists per game for the tournament.

Julie Lauro was named the Buttermaker Tournament's Most Valuable Player. She averaged 5.07 kills and three digs per game.

"Julie is a huge asset to our team and she is always there to bring through difficult times and is a great role model," Henning said.

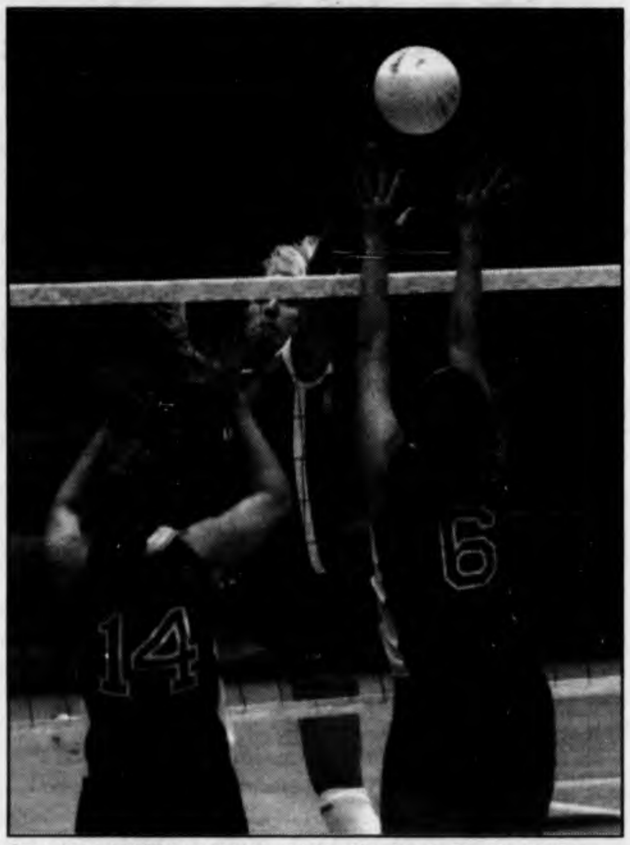
Lauro was also named to the Centennial Conference Honor Roll this past week because of her contributions in the Moravian Greyhound Classic.

In this tournament, Lauro won all-tournament honors for the second year in a row. "Julie is deserving of all of her achievements," Henning said. "I have never met a harder worker or a more dedicated athlete."

Lauro is also one of three returning All-Conference first team players in the Centennial Conference.

When asked about how the team did this weekend, Sophomore Monica Sella responded, "I think it was very promising, a complete difference from last year, and I think that if we keep playing as hard as we did this weekend we should do great."

The Mules hope to follow Sella's advice on Sept. 21 at Dickinson.



Courtney Williams battles two Florham Devils during the Buttermaker Tournament.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Weekend Schedule

	Saturday	Sunday
Cross Country	Mule/Falcon Classic at Cedar Crest College at 10:00 a.m.	
Field Hockey	vs. Washington and Lee at 3:00 p.m.	
Women's Soccer	at McDaniel at 1:00 p.m.	
Men's Soccer	at Johns Hopkins University at 5:00 p.m.	
Men's Tennis	Philadelphia Area Tournament at Haverford College	Philadelphia Area Tournament at Haverford College
Football	at Union at 7:00 p.m.	

CROSS COUNTRY

FROM PAGE 16

beginning to show in our performance," Belisonzi said.

"We have really gelled together as a team and as friends, and I think that is really important for any team," Belisonzi added.

The Mule women won first place by a mere three points, finishing with 45 points, while the Gettysburg Bullets were close behind with 48. Franklin and Marshall College came in third overall with a final score of 61.

"Overall we are looking forward to a very successful season," Belisonzi stated. "We hope to continue our success through the Centennial Conference Championships and Regionals."

The men, on the other hand, won the meet easily, defeating second place Gettysburg College by an astonishing 27 points (34-61).

The Mules placed seven of their runners in the top fourteen overall, thus enabling them to bring home the first place metal without much difficulty.

Junior Alexander Hotz was the first Mule to finish. He came in second overall, making this his eighth career top-ten finish.

Hotz's time of 27 minutes and 18 seconds was only a mere 36 seconds ahead of teammate Sophomore Stephen Rothwell, who was the second Mule to cross the finish line. Rothwell came in third overall with a time of 27 minutes and 54 seconds.

"We had a really good race, and we are having a great season. We have a very strong top seven, and we are a very young team, but we are hoping to really perform well at the regional meet and the [Centennial Conference] meet that take place in October and November," Hotz said.

Sophomore Lex Mercado finished in sixth, while Sophomore Tim Seely placed eleventh overall.

Seely was followed by Senior Christopher Martin, Sophomore Dave Chesny and Junior Patrick Breault, who finished in twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth place, respectively.

The Mules will run in the Mule/Falcon Classic on Saturday.

Mules fall short

Kristen Bruschi battles for the ball during the Championship game of the Muhlenberg Invitational.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

By Betsy Stoller
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

FIELD HOCKEY

Senior Kristin Bruschi must have wished very hard when she blew out her birthday candles on Sept. 10th because she scored twice and broke the school record for goals in a career.

Bruschi's goals helped lead the field hockey team to a 2-0 win against Elizabethtown University in their first game of the Muhlenberg Invitational.

She now has 46 career goals. This breaks the Muhlenberg Field Hockey four decade old record of 44 career goals previously held by Ruth Smith.

Early in the first half, Elizabethtown dominated firing five shots on Sophomore goalie Lauren Schram.

In the second half, however, the Mules regained composure when Bruschi scored off of a long hit from Freshmen defender Nikki Rhoads.

"As a freshman, it was really great to play with Bruschi when she broke her record. The upperclassmen are so supportive with all of the new girls. I stepped onto the field and felt like I already belonged there," said Rhoads.

Five minutes later, Bruschi scored by deflecting a hit from Senior co-Captain Sarah Fosdick during a penalty corner. This corner was one of six for the Mules.

While the offense played a supreme second half, accolades must be given to the Mules defense of Senior co-Captain Pamela Coakley, Fosdick, Senior Andrea Sebright, Junior Stephanie Light and Rhoads. These defenders along with Schram kept Elizabethtown out of the game.

In the second day of the Muhlenberg Invitational, the Mules lost 1-0 in the championship game against Montclair State University.

The Red Hawks lost their last game to the Mules when both teams were ranked in the top ten in Division III.

Montclair Freshman Jennifer Tanis scored off of a penalty corner with only 32 seconds left in the first half.

Early in the game the Mules had a close call when a shot went past the Red Hawk goalie but was saved by a defender.

The Mules' next game is home on Saturday versus Washington and Lee.

Double overtime leads to victory

By Tara DeMarzo
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

WOMEN'S SOCCER

After suffering a tough 1-0 loss to Scranton on Sept. 11, the Mules stepped it up with a double overtime victory over Smith College.

Smith placed 2nd last year, above Muhlenberg, at the Eastern College Athletic Conference championship tournament.

Senior Katie Macomber set the tone for the Mules as she scored an unassisted goal only three minutes into the game.

Senior Captain Rebecca Armstrong followed closely behind Macomber, netting her second unassisted Muhlenberg goal of the game less than seven minutes into the beginning of the second half.

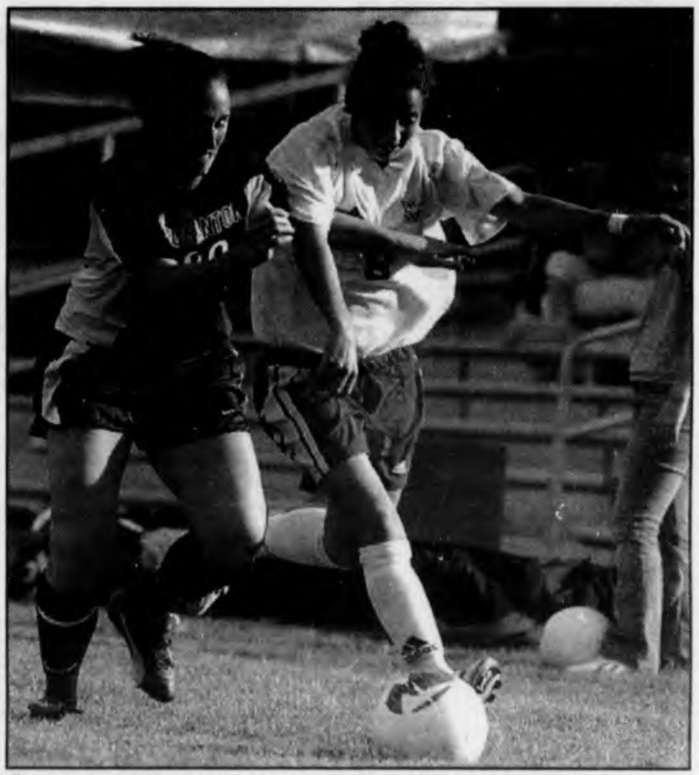
Her goal aided the Mules, who were neck and neck with the Pioneers. After Armstrong's goal, Muhlenberg was only slightly behind with twelve shots on goal, while the Pioneers had fourteen.

Back-to-back goals by Smith College with less than seven minutes left at the end of the second half then tied the game, each team with two goals.

The second of these two goals was scored on a penalty kick with a mere 1:20 left to play on the clock.

Several strong defensive plays combined with two very important saves from Sophomore Kayla Boisvert helped the Mules hold the Pioneers at a score of two.

Within the last five minutes of play, Armstrong scored a goal



Annika Head fights to get past Scranton in the first game of the Mule Classic.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

SEE **SOCCER**
PAGE 13

Microsoft
Note to self: Take smarter notes.

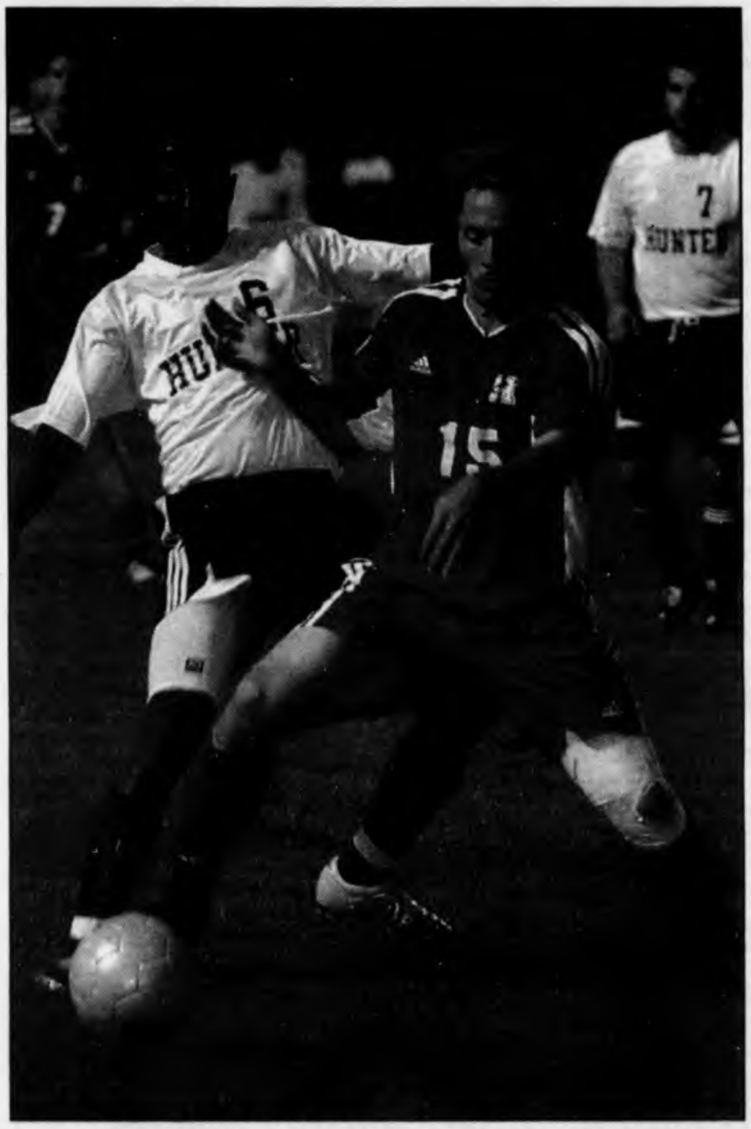
Microsoft® Office OneNote® 2003 helps you keep it all together. Class notes. Lecture recordings. Web research you pulled at 2 a.m. With OneNote 2003 you never have to stress about where they're at. It's a note-taking program that gives you one place to take, organize, and find what you need—easily.

Microsoft Office
OneNote 2003

Try it free for 60 days.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS



James Henshaw holds off the offense from Kings College in the first game of the Mule Classic.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Invitational ends in draw

MEN'S SOCCER

By Betsy Stoller
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules had no difficulty beating Hunter College at their season opener in the Mule Classic. In fact, with their 6-0 win, they tied the Mule Classics record for goals scored.

The Mules outshot Hunter College 32-1. The Hunters lone attempt to score came late in the second half while most Muhlenberg starters were sitting out. The Mules also had twelve corners compared to Hunter's zero.

Freshman Karim Assous scored his first career goal and assisted on three of the six Mules goals.

This was the first three-assist game by a Mule since Todd Ervin in 1997, who is now assistant coach at Moravian.

"I thought that the team played very well. This was an important game because it gave us confidence for the regular season," said Assous.

"As a freshman, it also gave me confidence because I know I can play well with the team. The team has a great positive atmosphere, and we are ready for our season to be kicked off," said Assous.

It came as no surprise that Junior James Henshaw scored two goals and had an assist. Junior defender Ryan Smallwood attained his first career goal, and Juniors Adam Milberg and Christopher King each also scored one for the Mules.

This win brought the Mules to the Mule Classic championship game, where they faced-off against local rival Moravian. This game proved to be a stalemate after regulation and two ten minute overtimes.

Early in the first half, Junior Jose Ramirez had a close shot on the goalie, and minutes later Henshaw also had an attempt.

The second half also brought many close calls, when Henshaw and King both shot just over the goal. However, Moravian kept Senior keeper Chris Davis on his toes with several close calls on their side.

The Mules suffered a big blow when Junior back Joey Benner was taken out of the game for a dislocated shoulder.

Assous, Freshman Wesley Deininger, and Sophomore Alex Hamill all stepped in to take on Benner's role.

Five yellow cards were handed to players throughout the game. Henshaw was awarded the first yellow with 21 minutes remaining in the first half of the game.

Then with two minutes remaining in the first half, Junior Adam Milberg and a Moravian player were both given yellows.

Early in the second half, another Moravian player was carded, and late in the second half, the Mules' King was given the final yellow card of the game.

After 110 minutes of play, the game ended in a deadlocked 0-0.

Women and men both bring home first

CROSS COUNTRY

By Allison Auclair
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's cross country team found their place in College history this weekend when they won the first place plaque at the McDaniel Invitational. This victory was the team's first away meet win in the program's history.

The Mules outran three other Centennial Conference teams: Gettysburg College, Franklin & Marshall College and McDaniel University, in order to finish in first.

The win over Gettybsurg was the most monumental, however, as the Mules have not finished ahead of the Bullets since the 1998 NCAA regional.

The race was bitter sweet, as the top two Mule runners, Senior Jenna Belisonzi and Junior Karen Mount both finished behind a Gettysburg runner.

The Mules made up the points through their third, fourth and fifth runners, Freshmen Laura Clinton and Sara Gearin and Junior Christy Grandjean, respectively.

"It is really great to see our freshmen stepping up and finishing with good times. They have been working really hard at practice, and we would not be doing this well without them," Mount said.

"Personally, I am really proud of my finish, but again, I would not be able to perform without my team behind me. We all work together day in and day out, and it is really beginning to show," Mount said.

Overall, Belisonzi was the first Mule to cross the line, finishing with a time of 24 minutes and 21 seconds. She was closely followed by Mount, who was the second Mule to cross the line and the overall finished seventh, with a time of 25 minutes and 29 seconds.

Clinton finished ninth overall with a time of 25 minutes and 43 seconds, while Gearin came in eleventh with a time of 25 minutes and 50 seconds. Grandjean finished 15th with a time of 26 minutes and 29 seconds.

Belisonzi's third-place overall finish was a career best.

"We have been training really hard this season, and I think it is definitely

SEE CROSS COUNTRY
PAGE 14

Inside Sports

Mules fall short in Invitational
page 15
Julie Lauro: reaching goals
page 13

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Professors practice partisanship: professors should leave their political opinions to themselves
page 3

RESERVE

The Stephanie Exp[illegible]ce photo exhibit depicts journey of breast cancer patient and the trials endured
page 9

VOLUME CXXIV, ISSUE 3 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

OIT upgrades Internet

By Michelle Sartor
Asst. News Editor

Internet access has gotten faster for students living in certain residence halls at the College.

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) has made several upgrades to the College's Internet system, especially to ResNet, which refers to the portion of the network that supports the residence halls on campus.

Over the summer, OIT increased Internet connection speeds in East, Walz, Brown and Martin Luther residence halls from 10 to 100 million bits per second (MB).

According to Harold Miller, Director of Information Technology, 100 MB is the state of the art speed. He also said the other residence halls on campus were already working at a speed of 100 MB.

Miller said rewiring needed to be done to increase Internet speed. New electronics boxes needed to be put in each dorm room. He said the process "took about three person days per residence hall."

Another change to ResNet is the implementation process for first-year students to register their computers.

This year, incoming first-year students were able to register their computers online and did not have to bring them to the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to ensure they would work on the network. Miller said this process was updated in response to many student requests.

This registration service

SEE OIT | PAGE 6

Rain causes LSC ticket booth to sink

By Jeremy Duncan
Weekly News Writer

At the entrance to the Muhlenberg football field stand two massive ticket booths constructed of brick and concrete.

After a torrential 3-inch rain early in August, the ticket booth closest to the Life Sports Center (LSC) sunk nearly half a foot into the ground.

Michael Brewer, Director of Plant Operations, said that the limestone underground below the booth was eaten way by the excess water.

The Allentown area is famous for sink holes, and according to Brewer, "Water manages to find its way through everything."

A firm was called to remedy the situation. Lehigh Concrete Technologies, Inc., whose Vice President is Jill Bond '90, injected grout into the base of the ticket booth and using concrete and hydraulic jacks, raised and straightened out the structure, which appeared to be in perfect shape.

Days later, it poured again, and the ticket booth sunk again, this time 3/4 of an inch.

Lehigh Concrete returned to the site, where they drilled new voids five feet into solid rock and secured the booth with rebar.

Approximately 50 feet of concrete was placed underneath one of the ticket booths.

The Life Sports Center ticket booth located at the entrance to the football field has been sinking into the ground since early August.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Since then, there has been no further sinking or tilting.

Fortunately, there was no cracking or any other damage that resulted from the initial and subsequent sinking.

The repairing of the ticket booth delayed completion of the parking lot, specifically the application of the wearing coat on the tarmac.

Brewer pointed out that the extreme proximity to the right ticket booth of a sewer pipe, which turned out to be cracked, was partially responsible for the presence of so much water around the limestone base.

This pipe has been fixed, sealed and pressure-tested to ensure it does not leak in the future.

The entire process of raising and securing the ticket booth took approximately a month to complete, in addition to costing several thousand dollars.

Plans outlined for campus construction

By Ben Veghte and
Matt Jakubik
Asst. Managing Editor and
Weekly News Writer

The recent completion of the new Life Sports Center does not mark the end of new construction projects to be completed on campus.

In Helm's Strategic Plan for the College, he proposes several ambitious construction projects that are slated for completion in the upcoming years.

The plan for the future construction initiatives calls for the renovation of existing structures as well as the construction of entirely new buildings on campus.

One of the major construction projects the Strategic Plan outlines is the replacement of the "temporary" MacGregor Village with more attractive residence facilities that can house a minimum of 60 students.

In order to support the cost of the revitalization of MacGregor Village, the strategic plan calls for the investment of $3.5 million to the project.

Construction plans are not limited entirely to the construction of new MacGregor living facilities in the future.

The Strategic Plan also outlines the renovation of Seegers Union that is set to begin as early as the beginning of next summer.

According to the Strategic Plan, the College will invest approximately $3,500,000 "in addition to and renovation of Seegers Union."

Specifically the renovation ideas for Seegers Union laid out in the Strategic Plan include expanded office space for faculty and students and a renovation of the Red Door Cafe, so as to foster an environment that can increase and improve social activities on campus for students and guests.

Construction and renovation plans, however, are not limited strictly to Seegers Union and MacGregor Village.

In an effort to build upon the College's "distinguished reputation in the natural sciences," the Strategic Plan proposes the investment of $15 million toward the construction of a new science building.

"Science planning has already started," commented Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer.

With an addition of $1 million provided in the Plan for additional space for arts and music and $2.5 million designated as backup funds in case any project goes over budget, the Strategic Plan calls for total investment of $25 million.

The investment of funds toward future projects are not the only construction costs the College is faced with at this time.

The College is already trying to finish paying off previous construction costs that were incurred during the College's Pride and

SEE PLAN | PAGE 8

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

Ben Veghte
Assistant Managing Editor

Use caution when touring Allentown

IMAGINE A PLACE WHERE NO ONE IS EVER BORED. THIS PLACE HAS A DEEP CULture and a wealth of history. This is a place where there are beautiful parks, specialty eateries, and even an amusement park or two. What is this mystical location? It is closer than one might think. Take a walk down Chew Street, and there it is: Allentown. "There's plenty to like about Allentown . . . It is a city with a proud heritage because of its rich history and ethnic diversity," says Allentown Mayor Roy Afflerbach (www.allentownpa.org). There's more to this city than one might think.

Feel free to roam the city streets of Allentown and take in all that it has to offer. However, when doing so we ask students to be wary of the potential danger that lurks behind the corner of a favorite Allentown diner. Allentown's interesting qualities do not negate the fact that it still is a city and, as such, has its share of crime and danger.

The parks of Allentown, for example, are beautiful, especially in the fall. Students should not only be willing to explore these parks on their own, but should also encourage others to do the same. While doing so, however, it is the job of every student to not only look out for their own safety but the safety of others as well. There have been several reports of rape and violent acts committed within the parks in years past. Although these events are deplorable, they should not be seen as reasons to avoid the parks. Students simply need to exercise caution and make smart choices.

Caution should not be solely exhibited in Allentown's parks. There are many other places in the city that present risky situations, especially when one is alone. For example, certain streets in Allentown can be dangerous at night, and there have even been examples of crime, such as smashed car windows, in the broad daylight . This is not to say that students need to fear for their lives when walking through the city, but we do suggest that students should always be aware of their surroundings. If a situation begins to feel unnerving, it is important to get out of it as quickly as possible. In terms of exploring the city, or any new area, a good mix of curiosity and intuition can be the best combination.

Israel: the danger's in your head...

Michelle Weiss
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

After spending ten days in Israel, I am here to tell you that it is not as dangerous as we have come to think. Every week it is inevitable that we see or hear about another suicide bombing or bus being blown up; however, in the ten days that I spent traveling the beautiful country of Israel, I did not witness even one act of terrorism. In fact, a person is statistically more likely to be killed in a car accident than by a terrorist attack.

I was part of a trip organized by Birthright Israel, a program that allows Jews from all over the world to partake in an opportunity to visit Israel for free. If you are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-six and have never been to Israel on a peer trip in the past, you are eligible for the program. It has taken me years to get the courage to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. I was scared by the horror I have been witnessing for years on TV news.

Why is it that we only hear about the suicide bombers and other such attacks? Well, why would we not? We all know that in today's society sex and blood sell. Would we really tune into the ten o'clock news if there were no sex or blood? Some of you reading this would say of course, but in reality most of the population would not.

> *What was I so afraid of? I was scared because the media has made me so.*

Halfway through our trip, our group was joined by eight Israeli soldiers. In the course of conversation it became evident to me how distorted the facts have become.

SEE **ISRAEL** | PAGE 3

Letters to the Editor:

AA student speaks out

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the Sept. 9, 2004's article about how alcohol abuse is continuing at a high rate here on Muhlenberg"s campus. This is occurring, despite the fact that the school is strongly enforcing its policies and procedures regarding alcohol. Last year, there were approximately thirty different students from Muhlenberg who were sent to the hospital due to alcohol poisoning. I was one of those students.

The number of hospitalizations last year for alcohol poisoning, was more than triple the amount that it had been in the previous year. When I was hospitalized for alcohol poisoning, nearly dying, I was scared out of my mind. I could not believe that I had drunk to such a point. However, at the time, I still did not think that I had a problem with alcohol. On the other hand, I realized that I needed help, and that is why I decided to leave Muhlenberg for the spring 2004 semester. I returned home, which for me is in Monroe, CT, and reluctantly, I began to attend Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) meetings. It was hard to come to terms then with the fact that I have a drinking problem, and at times it still is now. The difference now though is that I realize what drinking has and can ultimately do to me, and I do not want to ever experience going to the hospital for alcohol poisoning, and having my stomach pumped again.

If I told students at Muhlenberg not to drink, I would be a hypocrite. It would be a mistake though for we members of the Muhlenberg Community to ignore the fact that drinking is, has been, and will continue to be a major problem at this campus unless some type of drastic change is made about how we are educated about alcoholism. I have talked to several people about starting up an A.A. Chapter on campus, and if this does happen, I hope that people from Muhlenberg who believe that they have a problem with drinking, can feel that they would be able to attend the meeting and keep an open mind, even if they feel reluctant, as I did in the beginning of my A.A. journey.

The people that I have met through A.A., I feel are and will be my friends for life. I have learned a lot in my seven months of sobriety thus far, and I know that if I take things one day at a time, which is important for anyone to follow in their everyday lives, God willing, I will continue to stay sober.

In closing, I believe that everyone at Muhlenberg has to be honest in regards to the fact that there is indeed a problem with alcohol on this campus. Otherwise, as the quote from Ken Lupole said in last week's article, "Someday, someone may not find the kid passed out on the bench, and then we're dealing with a death. It's a big concern." Let's work together as a community to be sure that a tragedy that can be prevented does not happen.

--Matthew Lundy
Class of 2005

Beyond the Red Doors lies adventure and more

Kate Arney-Cimino
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

It seems that the students tend to mainly express opinions about campus life such as drinking, sex and food complaints or commentaries. Although these are very important issues and make up, 90 percent of most college students lives, it is time for some of us to expand our opinions, commentaries and our experiences past the red doors.

And what is there right outside these doors? I could talk about the human rights issues in Sudan, the humanity of humane societies or the election, but right now what I see in one direction outside of Muhlenberg is Panera and in the other direction I see fear.

I'm a senior and for the past three years I've heard about the dangers that lie beyond 17th Street. I've been to the bus station, which is on 3rd Street, and I never saw danger. It definitely wasn't a manicured community guarded by friendly red doors, but for sure it wasn't the horrors I've heard. My friend told me that if we drove downtown at night, a car would pull up beside our car, we would be shot, dragged out of the car and thrown on the sidewalk while one of the bad guys drove away with our car. This, of course, made me want to go past 17th Street even more.

Another story is that there are big scary men walking around with guns. In all my life I've never seen someone walking around just holding a gun and flaunting it like a video cell phone for all to see. Who

SEE **EXPLORE** | PAGE 3

Professors practice unwanted partisanship

Laura Cabrera
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Call me crazy, but it seems like the entire country is anxiously waiting for Nov. 2 to arrive. When I say "the entire country," I mean the *entire* country, including us students at the College. With the upcoming presidential election hovering just a few weeks away, I do not think that Muhlenberg has ever seen its campus so politically active. Everywhere I go, I see Bush or Kerry posters, bumper stickers, t-shirts and the like: so much for apathy among America's youth.

Frankly, I am not too surprised with this influx of political feeling sweeping the campus. Without a doubt, students are influenced to become politically involved. Presidential candidates Bush and Kerry have made the financing of college education a major issue.

We also have benevolent Hollywood celebrities getting in on the act; Drew Barrymore, after making sure that E.T. found his way home, wants to make sure that America's youth can find the polls without a hitch. She is hitting the streets to mingle with the commoners, spreading the word to "Rock the Vote."

In addition, we have MTV on the case; the network has suddenly become a nucleus for politics, featuring Gideon Yago spouting the familiar "20 Million Choose or Lose" slogan. Everywhere we turn, we receive some sort of political opinion: on television, in newspapers and in the classroom.

Is it just me, or are professors tossing their political views into the arena now more than ever? More often than not, they follow the trend of bashing President Bush as opposed to another candidate. The concept of Bush-bashing isn't what bothers me because that is to be expected. It is understood that most college campuses and college professors are predominantly liberal.

I am not hiding behind the label of "neutral" or "moderate" because it is not true. In fact, I am fairly conservative. However, it is not my conservative opinion that causes me to take exception to professors criticizing President Bush. Rather than being bothered by anti-Bush sentiment, I am more concerned with partisan comments in general.

While I believe everyone is entitled to and should have the option of voicing his or her opinions, I also believe there is a time and place to do so. Class is not one of them.

Professors should not be making partisan side comments or innuendos criticizing either side of the political spectrum unless; perhaps the class is in the Political Science department and the topic of the presidency is legitimately being discussed.

While it is an election year and very easy to get caught in a frenzy of political passion, professors should discuss their views on their own time and not in front of their students in the classroom, a supposedly neutral territory. The comments themselves do not bother me; the context does.

Because they command the classroom, professors seem to get the last word where a subtle hint is dropped or a slight political comment made. Students are forced to sit and absorb such statements because they sit behind desks rather than stand behind a podium.

If we were permitted to debate or refute these comments, the partisanship would be more just. Intellectual and challenging views would augment the classroom; however, this is not the case.

I cannot raise my hand in the middle of my Astronomy or Photography class to argue about tax cuts or the war in Iraq each time my professor makes a political innuendo. Or can I? Perhaps an experiment would prove interesting.

It is difficult to remain unbiased when you hold strong opinions; I'm sure many professors are not aware of their political overtones in class. I appreciate the effort on the part of professors to try to get students thinking and involved in politics, if that is in fact the motivation behind their remarks.

Nevertheless, professors must remember that they are employed as educators and not as political analysts. If a debate arises, their role is that of a moderator, not of a campaign manager.

Regardless, the primary reason why we do not need the political influence of our professors is this: we have Drew Barrymore and Gideon Yago to mold and reinforce our opinions, and that's plenty for me.

ISRAEL | FROM PAGE 2

the army, they told us that they had never seen combat and have only used their guns when training, never on an enemy.

Yes, we did see people walking around carrying guns, and the soldiers had theirs with them at all times, but that alone does not make a place dangerous. Not once were those guns used. Not once did I, or anyone else on my trip, feel the so-called danger that exists everyday in Israel.

So where does this leave us? We need to understand that not everything we see on the news is an accurate portrayal of a situation. I spent my time in Israel asking, "Why has it taken me so long to visit here? What was I so afraid of?" I was scared because the media has made me so.

The situation in Israel is not the only one that is made out to be worse than it really is. We rarely hear about the everyday happenings or good things that occur between neighbors and strangers alike.

It is important for all of us to remember that despite what we think we know and what we think is an accurate depiction of a situation, it is not always that simple. Israel is safe for anyone to visit, and we should support a country that has always supported us.

EXPLORE | FROM PAGE 3

does this? If we walk past 17th Street, will we step into those war pictures of Iraq that we've all seen in *Newsweek*? No!

The other day when there was flooding from the rain, I watched a group of boys hike down from Benfer through the weeds explore where the flood had left a fair-sized river in the middle of the park.

Natural disaster, flash flood, life threatening situation and no fear from those boys, but they are afraid to walk past 17th Street.

West of 17th Street lies a brand new Panera Bread. Panera offers the students the similar cozy feng-shuied safe atmosphere for which we all chose the College. They play pretty music, it's healthy and it's hard to leave without spending any money. Panera is going to be fine without us.

Part of the Muhlenberg curriculum is that teachers will do anything to get us into the community: they offer extra credit if we go see a play or require volunteering past 17th Street. This is good, but not good enough. The restaurants downtown need our Panera money. There are many neat little "hole-in-the-wall" restaurants downtown that we can discover. We could take our curiosity for exploration of natural disasters and apply it to downtown Allentown, and if people are easier to control than the elements, then why are we still afraid?

We are at college to learn how to be independent, which means it's time to let go of some of those rules that our parents taught us when we were so little: "Don't take candy from strangers, don't talk to strangers and stay away from parts of town where there are men waving guns." Don't these rules have an expiration date? Let's grow up and gain some trust for the streets lower than 17th.

I'm a senior, and besides the bus station and Banana Joe's, I haven't truly ventured into downtown Allentown.

It's time to go exploring. Muhlenberg is a vital part of Allentown and vice versa. Let's mix it up.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Managing Editor
Ben Veghte, Asst. Managing Editor

OPEN, News Editor
OPEN, OP/ED Editor
John Dunphy, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
Julie Strasser, Focus Editor

Rob Kandel, Photography Editor
OPEN, Design Consultant
Dan Isanuk, Business Manager
Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, Michelle Quirk, Asst. News Editors
Max Lux, Amy Cookson, Asst. OP/ED Editors
OPEN, Asst. Life! Editor
Robin DeCicco, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Johnny Canneto, Asst. Business Manager

Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Sveta Shah, Chrissy Culotta, Copy Editors
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
Matthew H. Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104

Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187
E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7 p.m. Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

All rights reserved.Copyright 2004.

Weekly Discourse: The Assault Weapons Ban

Does the ban make our streets safer?

By Max Lux
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

The ban on assault weapons in the United States of America finally ended on September 13th, 2004, after ten years of oppressing the American people, and I for one, could not be happier. Instituted by President Clinton in 1994, the ban is misunderstood, and it's effects are not felt solely by 'gun-nuts' and "radical republicans" but by the average American. I hope to deconstruct the biased view taken by many supporters for the ban, and help readers better understand why this law is an infringement on our constitutional right to bear arms.

> *It is clear that we are upholding our right to bear arms, not to arm 'bears'.*

First of all, you may be asking yourself what exactly an "assault weapon" is. The very phrase "assault weapon" carries with it several negative connotations. When one thinks of such a weapon, their minds immediately shift to images of terrorists, horrific, psychotic criminals, and violent crimes, such as multiple homicide and armed robberies.

In fact, assault weapons are infrequently the weapon of choice for these crimes, as these criminals prefer small arms such as handguns. The weapons in discussion here are used primarily by reputable sportsmen, hunters and arms collectors, rarely (with the exception of isolated incidents) by those on the wrong side of the law.

According to the Federal Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 an assault rifle is a weapon that has a removable magazine, and two or more of the following features: a folding or telescoping stock, a pistol grip a bayonet mount a flash suppressor, or threads to attach one and/or a grenade launcher, grenade launchers are primarily used for actual combat, in the great wars of our present and future, they are illegal to own outside of the military.

It is incredibly difficult to actually obtain an assault rifle in the first place. There is a six-month waiting period to obtain such a weapon, where the FBI does an actual background check on you, then there is registration, state approval, local law enforcement approval, and proof that the weapon was manufactured after 1986.

There is virtually no way for a 'dangerous' non-military personal civilian to obtain a weapon, thus negating any possibility for preventable incident. The weapons used in these tragic instances were most likely obtained illegally, as the National Firearms Act of 1934 has upheld these stipulations since then.

Next is the issue for collectors who own one of these rifle produced before 1994. These poor individuals must prove beyond a doubt that their weapon was produced before 1994, or they will risk being on the wrong side of the law. How can this possibly be fair? It interferes with our hollowed, and much destroyed constitutional rights to bear arms. If there is such a difficulty in obtaining a weapon such as this, it is clear that we are upholding our right to bear arms, not to arm 'bears'.

Hunters who wish to use a pistol grip for better accuracy with their weapon and a telescoping stock are impeded by this silly law. Some of the game hunted in this great country, such as wolves and bears, are incredibly dangerous animals who must be taken down to ensure the safety of families, especially in heavily wooded areas in the mid-west and west.

Thus, to ban assault weapons, because of silly fears and superstitions about their nature, and ability to harm others, is ludacris, and harmful to our rights as citizens. Our president, George W. Bush has supported weapons such as these; he even owns a few himself.

Isn't that enough, America? That a man as great as George W. Bush, who steered our country through some of the most difficult war-times owns a assault rifle? Shouldn't you? The answer is yes, yes you should.

Justine Springer
Weekly Guest Columnist

On Monday September 13, the 1994 assault weapons ban expired. Nineteen types of weapons were banned under the law, including AK-47s and Uzis.

There is no reason why assault weapons should not be banned from the general public. A University of Pennsylvania National Annenberg Election Survey in April found that 71% of respondents, including 64% of those in households with guns, support a renewal of the assault weapons ban.

The laws in this country that control the sale of guns and other weapons are far too lenient and need to be strengthened. There is no reason why common citizens need to have weapons; like pledging, pop quizzes and no-doze drugs, for the most part the weapons do more harm than good.

> *If a young child can obtain a knife, gun, etc. to hurt another person, than the laws need to be fixed.*

More and more in the news, there are horror stories of young children hurting other people with assault weapons. These weapons are too readily available. If a young child can obtain a knife, gun, etc. to hurt another person, then the laws need to be fixed. A child should not have access to a weapon of any kind and neither should an adult.

It has been proven that people who own guns are more likely to shoot a member of their own family than a person who is an actual threat. The same goes for other weapons meant to cause harm. Why do we need them?

The only intent of an assault weapon is to hurt someone, so why does a person who does not want to cause harm to another person need an assault weapon? They do not; thus there is no reason why assault weapons should not be banned.

Opponents of the ban will argue that the ban was ineffective. This is not true. The assault weapons ban was effective. Since the ban was enacted in 1994, the consulting firm Crime Gun Solutions LLC found that the number of assault weapons linked to crime scenes decreased by 45 percent. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recorded that overall gun deaths dropped from 38,505 in 1994 to 29,573 in 2001. That's about nine thousand people per year whose lives were saved by the ban. Nine thousand families that were not ripped apart, nine thousand communities that were not harmed and nine thousand funerals that did not have to be attended. What does nine thousand look like? It's more than three times the number of the Muhlenberg student body.

Police deaths caused by assault weapons also declined. In 1994 assault weapons were responsible for 40 percent of police shootings. In 2001 the number was down to 28 percent.

By making assault weapons harder to obtain, there will be a large drop in crime. Criminals would have to work harder to get a weapon, so it would be harder for them to go out and buy one. Instead they would have to find an illegal supplier, which would not be as easy as getting the weapon legally.

Also, because of the ban, police would have an easier time cracking down on the sale of assault weapons, making them much more difficult to sell.

There would also be a drop in sporadic crimes because people would not have access to a weapon and would not be allowed to own a weapon.

To summarize and restate my original statement, there is no reason for assault weapons to be legal. Anyone thinking otherwise is either ignorant of blatant facts or simply ignorant.

Can you find Israel on a map?
You can?
Write for Op/Ed!!!
Contact
Amy Cookson
x4023

Part
Time
Reservationist
(Flexible Hours)
--Answer questions & take
reservations over the phone
for Hawaiin Tropic Spring
Break Travel Program
--$8.00/hour & trip discount
--American Express
Allentown office
610-391-9094

POLLS ARE OPEN
UNTIL 8 P.M.
(WE KNOW HOW COLLEGE STUDENTS FEEL ABOUT WAKING UP EARLY)
REGISTER BY
OCT4
YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE.
MAKE SURE IT IS HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR.
1.877.VOTESPA votespa.com
> vote

New Life Sports Center allows for class improvements

By Laura Russell
Asst. News Editor

While the recent changes to the new Life Sports Center (LSC) can easily be seen through its new equipment and facilities, more subtle, yet important changes have been made as well.

In addition to the upgrades that have been made to the facility, the Principles of Fitness and Wellness course, designed for first-year students, has been vastly improved as well.

> *"We wanted to be a little more proactive on educating our students on concerns about alcohol."*
>
> Linda Andrews,
> Associate Professor of Physical Education & Athletics

According to Linda Andrews, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Athletics, "the College has always had a physical education requirement, as it upholds in its mission statement that Muhlenberg is committed to the health and well-being of all of its students, not just athletes and those who participate in intramural sports."

The College has always had a physical education requirement, but the original course was discontinued in the fall of 1999 and replaced by Principles of Fitness and Wellness.

With the new LSC open, the two components of the course remain the same; a wellness component that consists of lectures and a fitness component that engages students in several physical activities.

The fitness component of the course, however, can now be implemented to its full capacity, according to Andrews.

"The new cardio room will now be used to allow students to learn about exercise physiology and how to train at their target heart rate," she stated.

In addition, students will be introduced to proper weight training techniques such as fat burning, weight loss and muscle tone with the use of the new weight room facility as well.

The instructors will also help each individual evaluate their fitness levels and design a program that meets their needs.

Instructors will also teach the students how to use the equipment properly and also serve as personal trainers during class.

According to Andrews, "the new facility has allowed us to evolve the course" in addition to giving first-year students a proper introduction to the new gymnasium.

Other changes to the course this year involve the addition of an online alcohol program called Alcoholedu.

The program is an online science-based course that provides students with a detailed education about alcohol and the effect it has on the body and mind.

Students will view slides and video clips, as well as engage in interactive exercises and journal writing activities.

The online course takes approximately two and a half hours to complete and also includes a final exam in which they must receive a grade of 70 percent in order to pass the portion of the course.

In addition, the course reinforces the material taught with quiz questions, interactive exercises and case studies.

Furthermore, Andrews stated, "What is unique about Muhlenberg's approach is that the alcoholedu program is based in the curriculum."

Other institutions, such as Villanova University, also require their students to use the program, but they do not incorporate it within a class or have follow-up discussions.

According to Andrews, "Out of a class of 559 first-year students, 447 of them will be engaged in the online alcohol program this year."

All of the interactive exercises and journal entries are also confidential.

The instructors are only able to see whether the students complete the program or not so students do not need to hold back in their work for the course.

At the completion of the program in January, the instructors are sent an executive summary of results.

This provides the faculty with accurate statistical data on the alcohol related knowledge, behaviors and attitudes of students at the College.

The reason for incorporating this program into the course was because "we wanted to be a little more proactive on educating our students on concerns about alcohol," stated Andrews.

According to a previous survey conducted by the alcoholedu program, approximately 66 percent of students enrolled reported that they were unaware of legal blood alcohol levels until they completed the course.

The College is hopeful that such a program will provide the educational basis to empower students to make informed decisions when it comes to drinking and the possible consequences.

Students aspire to be all that they can be in ROTC

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

While most students' lives are consumed with classes, jobs and campus activities, some have decided to join the Army ROTC and expose the rest of the College to the program.

> *"This experience provides you with amazing opportunities to learn."*
>
> Jeff Salzano '05

ROTC stands for Reserve Officers Training Corps, and its primary purpose is to prepare college students to enter the army as commissioned officers upon graduation.

Army ROTC is a student-run organization and is operated out of Lehigh University.

"You can enter the organization during your first, second or third year in college," said Ted Olshefski '06, "but it is harder to get in as an upperclassman." The seniors are mentors to the underclassmen.

Army ROTC is offered as a cooperative program at the College, where grades and course work completed in the 4-year Army ROTC program are included in the academic record at the College.

The final two courses in the program may be counted toward the graduation unit requirement as well. The courses involve basic training in soldier and leadership skills.

Students are constantly evaluated for their leadership potential. "It is academically and physically demanding," said Jeff Salzano '05.

The course consists of training on weekends and physical training on Wednesday and Friday morning for an hour.

During the summer between junior and senior year, students go to Ft. Louis in Washington State for a Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC).

"You are mentally and physically challenged for the five weeks you're there to determine your potential to serve the country," said Salzano.

Students enrolled in the program can apply for scholarships that could cover some or all of college tuition, an allowance for books and supplies ($600 per year) and a monthly stipend for personal expenses ($350 for juniors, $400

SEE **ROTC** | PAGE 6

ADVERTISE IN
THE WEEKLY

DISCOUNT RATES FOR
ON CAMPUS ADVERTISERS

FULL PAGE	$184
1/2 PAGE	$98
1/4 PAGE	$50
1/8 PAGE	$30
BUSINESS CARD	$21

MORE DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE
WHEN ADS RUN MULTIPLE WEEKS

TO ADVERTISE CONTACT
DAN ISANUK

PHONE: x3195
EMAIL: Disanuk@muhlenberg.edu

OIT

FROM PAGE 1

classmen dorms later this year.

Miller said a pop-up box should appear asking students to enter information to register their computers.

Miller said, "We don't use it to track what you're doing;" the purpose is to stop the spread of viruses.

With this system, if a computer catches a virus, it will have restricted access to the network.

Staff in OIT will know exactly which computer is having the problem and can call the student to let him or her know.

Over the summer, returning students received a letter in the mail from OIT containing their network ID and password. Miller said that the purpose of this is to make the campus network more secure.

"We need to do what we can to battle the virus issues in the residence halls."

Harold Miller,
Director of Information Technology

He explained that the passwords allow students to store content without having to be concerned about others having access to it. He said these types of passwords have always been required for faculty and staff.

Miller said although there have already been around 200 student computers taken to the Student Help Desk, "Overall we did well with move-in."

He said other colleges in Pennsylvania had to shut down Internet service in residence halls for a week.

Miller said OIT would like to find ways to eliminate common problems with student computers.

OIT has guidelines for students to follow with regard to using their computers responsibly.

OIT suggests that students only open email attachments that come from an email address they recognize and that they are expecting.

Students should also limit access to their computer by others and try not to use up too much of the bandwidth with activities such as downloading large files.

Downloading can also cause problems, so students should only download files from websites they know and trust.

Students that have their computers connected to ResNet do have responsibilities.

They should always log in with their network ID and password, keep their anti-virus software up-to-date and keep their computer up-to-date.

These steps can help reduce the number of viruses contracted by computers on the College's network.

Miller believes the amount of computers at the Student Help Desk would be significantly reduced if students followed these guidelines.

Miller said OIT hopes to continue to improve the security and integrity of the network. He said, "We need to do what we can to battle the virus issues in the residence halls."

One way OIT has already started to address the problem is by expanding the points or nodes they monitor.

Miller can look up each residence hall on his computer and see the current Internet activity through charts.

This system looks for problems and sends an email warning to staff members if it finds a problem.

Miller said, "Usually the emails are warnings, and we can resolve the problems before they manifest themselves."

In addition to the ResNet upgrades, the Tremont apartment complex has been connected to the campus network. Now students living there have access to all campus network resources.

OIT also worked with the Mathematics Department and Dr. Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life, to design a web-based mathematics placement test, which allowed first-year students to take the test online before June Advising.

ROTC

FROM PAGE 5

for seniors).

The program out of Lehigh is nationally recognized. "Out of 256 schools and 5,000 cadets, Lehigh's organization ranks number 2," said Salzano.

"The students from the Lehigh group consistently are above average with regard to leadership and physical ability."

In addition to the experiences that a student receives in the Lehigh program itself, the Army ROTC program offers many other opportunities to students.

Salzano completed a shadow program in Colorado where he interned with a lieutenant.

"This experience provides you with amazing opportunities to learn," said Salzano.

Olshefski has met with Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, to try to promote the program to incoming and current students.

"We're going to have a meeting about it later in the semester," said Olshefski. "We want to show the students of the College what the benefits are."

He hopes to have a recruiting officer from Lehigh on campus in the near future as well.

It is important to realize that Army ROTC is also open to women.

"Two females are involved in our group right now," said Salzano, "and they are extremely dedicated, serious, and committed to it."

"It's very honorable, and everything you learn lasts a lifetime."

Ted Olshefski '06

A student can enroll in the program and decide to leave up until junior year.

At the start of junior year, students sign a binding agreement to serve in the U.S. Army for four years after graduation.

Both Olshefski and Salzano are excited to be involved in the Army ROTC program.

"There is military history in my family, and I've always wanted to be involved with the military," said Olshefski.

"It's very honorable, and everything you learn lasts a lifetime."

Salzano said, "There is nothing else I can see myself doing, so I jumped at the opportunity to serve my country when the door was opened."

OFF CAMPUS

GOP CANDIDATE SUPPORTED BY GREENWOOD

Lehigh Valley, Pa – Jim Greenwood, the republican representative from Pennsylvania endorsed Michael G. Fitzpatrick, Bucks County Commissioner, on Friday.

Greenwood decided to support Fitzpatrick due to his willingness to back federal funding for embryonic stem cell research.

Greenwood affirmed that Fitzpatrick would vote the same way as him 95 percent of the time.

In addition to supporting stem cell research, Fitzpatrick stated that he would also support funding for international family planning programs as well as oppose a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Fitzpatrick hopes to replace Greenwood, who has withdrawn from the race after six terms in office.

Fitzpatrick is anti-abortion but would not vote for legislation that bans a woman from having an abortion in situations of rape, incest and a danger to the life of the mother. Fitzpatrick also emphasizes a commitment to preserving open space.

FLOODS FORCE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SHELTERS

Lehigh Valley, Pa – Families in Easton and Bethlehem were forced to leave their homes on Saturday when up to 8 inches of rain fell.

Firefighters went door-to-door informing residents that they should evacuate their homes because of very high water levels.

Residents sought shelter in elementary schools and community centers, and many people residing in low-lying areas had to be rescued from their homes.

The heavy rain resulted from a flow of mixture from the south, coupled with the remnants of Hurricane Ivan, according to Harry Woodworth, a forecaster with the National Weather Service.

The region was placed under a flood watch on Thursday because it had been predicted that the atmosphere instability would lead to flooding.

In Allentown, Cedar Creek exceeded its banks and flooded Hamilton Street, and water surrounded the Hamilton Family Restaurant and many other buildings as well.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	🌦	⛅
Partly Cloudy	Scattered Showers	Partly Cloudy
High: 82 Low: 59	High: 76 Low: 56	High: 72 Low: 54

Hilary Putnam: Prominent philosopher speaks on ethics and values

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

Professor Hilary Putnam gave a lecture Monday night entitled, "Fact, Value and 'Ethics Without Ontology.'"

He explored the implications of his view for the objectivity of both facts and values.

"In a sense, I'm going to talk about the negation of the negation of ethics," said Putnam.

> *"Hilary Putnam is one of the most influential philosophers of our time."*
>
> Dr. Ted Schick
> Professor of Philosophy

"Hilary Putnam is one of the most influential philosophers of our time," said Dr. Ted Schick, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Muhlenberg Scholars program.

Schick was taught by Putnam during his time at Harvard.

Putnam explained that it has been argued that ethical judgments cannot be rationally justified.

The philosopher Kant called such judgments unverifiable, unscientific and nonsense.

Putnam continued his speech by tracing the history of the notions of fact and value.

Also important to Putnam's talk was the point that the logical positivists during the 1930s expelled ethics from the domain of knowledge.

According to Putnam, they shut their eyes to judgments of coherence, simplicity and plausibility.

In his book, *Ethics Without Ontology*, Putnam questions whether ethical judgments can properly be considered objectively.

He discussed the efforts of philosophers from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, tracing the ways in which ethical problems arose.

Putnam's central concern is ontology as the division of philosophy concerned with what ultimately exists. He proposed abandoning the very idea of ontology.

He argued that the attempt to provide an ontological explanation of the objectivity of either mathematics or ethics is an attempt to provide justifications that are extraneous to mathematics and ethics.

Putnam also pointed out that, in the consideration of ethics, we should look toward John Dewey's view. Dewey emphasized that ethics should always remain open for discussion.

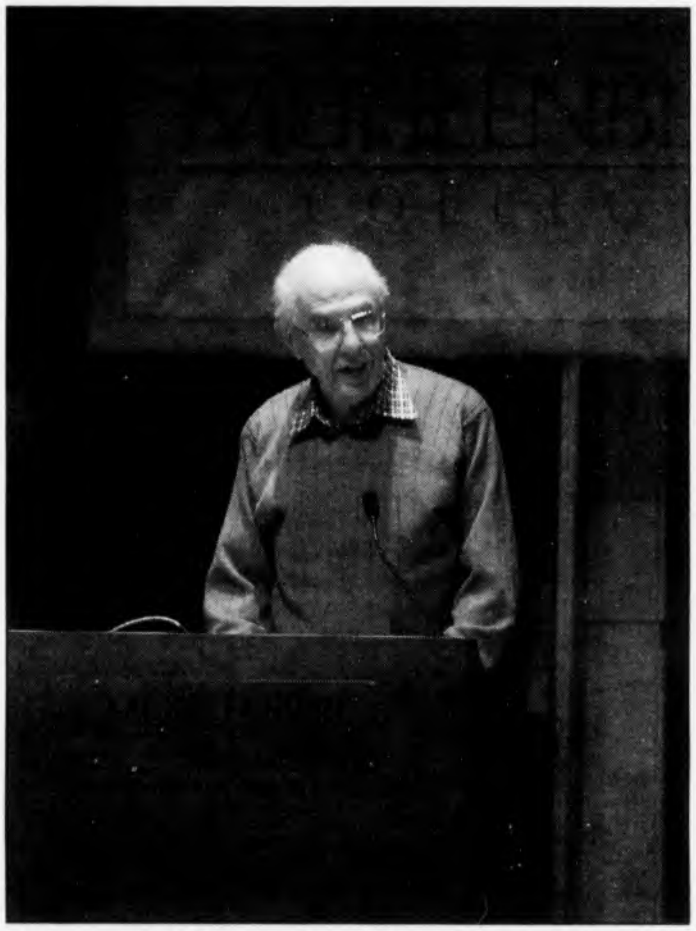
"John Dewey is the hero of that book," said Putnam.

Putnam also explained that it is necessary to realize that one criterion cannot be used for judging ethics.

Rather, he explained, there should be a commitment to ethical decision-making.

Putnam described his view of ethics as a table

SEE **PUTNAM** | PAGE 8



Professor Hilary Putnam gives his presentation about ethics at the College in front of a tentative audience of students and faculty.

Photo by Rob Kandel

GEARING UP FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL!

Applying and gaining acceptance to graduate or professional school takes careful planning and preparation. Take advantage of this OCDP sponsored series to gather important information to make your application process successful.

Sophomores and Juniors – this is especially for you!

Getting into Graduate School
Wednesday, October 6, 4:30pm, Moyer 109

Writing a Winning Graduate School Essay
Tuesday, October 12, 4:30pm, Moyer 109

Departmental Sessions include:

Communication
Thursday, September 30, 4:30pm, Walson 115

Psychology
Tuesday, October 5, 6:00pm, Moyer 106

Biology
Tuesday, October 5, 7:00pm, Trumbower 149

Accounting, Business, Economics
Monday, October 11, 4:30pm, TBA

MCAT, GMAT, GRE Practice Test
Saturday, October 9, 9:00am
Ettinger 202, 203, 205 & 213

GMAT & GRE Follow-up
Thursday, October 21, 4:30pm, Ettinger 201

Law School Fair
Wednesday, October 27, 2-4pm, Moyer Forum

The Secrets to Law School Admission
Wednesday, October 27, 4:30pm, Moyer 109

ALL STUDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND! REGISTER ONLINE IN CAREER CONNECTIONS.

PLAN

FROM PAGE 1

Progress Campaign instituted in 1999 under Arthur Taylor, former President of the College.

The Campaign that is set to expire in June of 2006 was responsible for the construction of South and Robertson Halls in addition to the newly reconstructed Life Sports Center.

The previous construction plan had a total investment of $70 million that still has yet to be paid off fully.

Mike Bruckner, Vice-President of Public Relations, stated, "We [the College] are still trying to finish paying off the costs from the project."

According to Bruckner, about $55 million has already been pledged toward the construction costs inflicted on the College from the Pride and Progress Campaign.

The remaining costs have led to an ambitious fundraising campaign on the part of the College.

According to Tilghman Moyer IV, Vice President of Development and Alumni relations, the College's goal is to raise $13 million toward construction of the new Life Sports Center.

This $13 million accounts for the actual construction and construction materials used for the building.

It does not include staff salaries or the like. Currently, the College has raised close to $4.7 million.

The College has received a challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation.

If $4.7 million out of the desired $13 million is fundraised, the foundation will donate $900,000 toward the goal.

This grant is one of 79 similar grants given by the foundation in 2004.

With the past several years yielding lower endowment funds and a debt from a previous construction project, the College must carefully gauge its financial stability to determine whether it can handle such an expensive construction project.

In order to deal with the dilemma, the College has worked with an investment banker establishing the amount of money the College can borrow without jeopardizing its credit rating.

Their meetings determined the $25 million allocation for all of the above plans.

As a result of the loans and debt financing, no funds are removed from the endowment, thus helping it increase and competitively compare to similar institutions.

No money will be utilized from student tuition, placing concern of further increases in tuition to rest.

Once all of the projects are completed and the sounds of construction are a distant memory, the College may reevaluate finances for future construction projects.

Think you know what's news-worthy on campus?

Want to write for
The Muhlenberg Weekly
News section this semester?

Call Michelle at x4464
or Laura at x4865

or email Michelle at
mquirk@muhlenberg.edu

PUTNAM

FROM PAGE 7

with many legs, standing on uneven ground but hard to turn over.

The right approach to ethics, according to Putnam, is not to give up on rational thought.

He also emphasized the importance of investigating viewpoints democratically and not denying ethics as the logical positivists attempted.

"That," he said, "blocks the path of inquiry from the start."

According to Putnam, we must not try to resolve all moral dilemmas because "There can be no universal agreement on a single point."

Putnam received his BA from the University of Pennsylvania and his PhD from the University of California.

He has taught at Princeton University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and Harvard University.

The lecture was in honor of Dr. Vivian Walsh, Distinguished Visiting Scholar to the College in Economics, Philosophy, Accounting and Business.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 15 – Injured Student – A student injured the left ankle at the basketball courts and was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Sept. 15 – Injured Student – A student was punctured by a nail but refused medical treatment.

Sept. 15 – Exposure – A man sitting on a bench by the outdoor track exposed himself to a student as she was running.

Sept. 15 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm sounded in South Hall due to burned popcorn.

Sept. 15 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm sounded at 2442 Tilghman Street due to burned popcorn.

Sept. 15 – Trespassing – An elderly gentlemen, who had regularly been watching the construction of the Life Sports Center from a bench in the East quad, was found in the GQ making obscene comments to students. Campus Safety issued a letter of trespass. If the man returns to campus, he will be arrested.

Sept. 15 – Injured Student – A student with a football injury was transported to the Cedar Crest and I-78 Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Sept. 15 – Sick Student – A student with a medical problem was advised to go to the Health Center.

Sept. 15 – Injured Student – A student with a minor cut over the eye was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Sept. 16 – Theft of Services – A number of calls were being made from a faculty office in Ettinger, but the faculty member had no idea who could be making them. Campus Safety is working on the case.

Sept. 16 – Injured Student – A student who had injured the right ankle was transported to the trainer's room.

Sept. 16 – Intoxicated Student – A student who had been consuming alcohol was transported to St. Luke's Hospital and has been referred to the judicial process due to underage consumption of alcohol.

Sept. 16 – Indecent Assault – A Jane Doe report was made to Campus Safety about an indecent assault that occurred in Walz Hall. A notice will be sent to the Campus Community involving this incident. The suspect is a student.

Sept. 17 – Alcohol Violation – A party occurring in Prosser Hall involved two non-students who were under 18. The parents of the non-students were called and came to pick up their children. The case has been referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 17 – Alcohol Violation – The Allentown Police Department responded to a call claiming that there was a loud party at 439 N. 22nd Street. There were two underage students consuming alcohol. They presented false identification to the police officers at first and were cited for underage drinking and disorderly conduct. The students were Mary Henning '06 and Courtney Tapkas '06.

Sept. 17 – Institutional Vandalism – The south doors of Martin Luther Hall were found to have the glass broken. In addition, there were broken barricades and signposts out of the ground near the doors.

Sept. 18 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm sounded at 2442 Tilghman Street due to smoke from the stove.

Sept. 18 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm sounded at 415 Leh Street due to cooking.

Sept. 19 – Alcohol Violation – There was a noise complaint in Walz Hall which led Campus Safety to find 15 people in the room with empty and full cans of alcohol. Two of the individuals were 17, and one of those individuals was a non-student whose parents were called to pick up the individual. The other 17-year-old was released to the other students. The case has been referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 19 – Theft – A neighbor on non-college property informed Campus Safety that her hammock was stolen from her yard estimated to be worth $350.

Sept. 19 – Injured Student – A student who was injured a week ago was told to see Sam Miranda, Director of Student Health Services, in the Health Center as soon as possible.

Sept. 19 – Injured Student – A student with possible broken ribs was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 20 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm sounded in Benfer Hall due to burned popcorn.

WEEKLY life!

"Trouble is part of your life — if you don't share it, you don't give the person who loves you a chance to love you enough."

- Dinah Shore

Photographs provide awareness on illness

Exhibit takes viewers through life of breast cancer patient

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

The Martin Art Gallery has seen some powerful displays throughout the years, but none read as beautiful, or as heartbreaking as the current exhibit, "Representing Disease: The Stephanie Images," by Charlee Brodsky.

The pictures tell the story of a woman, Stephanie Bryam who was diagnosed with breast cancer and treated by excision, only to be tested positive for cancer again later. In this black and white collection of photographs, Brodsky depicts the life of a woman who has suffered, regained hope, suffered more and in the end was able to look onward toward the future.

Many of the opening images capture the aftermath of the extraction operation. Images of her chest and the shadows that line the scars where her breasts had once been haunt the mind. Continuing throughout the collection, one finds that Brodsky had Bryan hold objects over her chest representative of breasts. Leaves, pine cones, clip-on earrings and in one picture, hands tell the viewer that there is a definitive loss of something.

Essentially the story goes that Stephanie Bryam had been diagnosed with breast cancer. Her doctors felt that if they simply removed her breasts, the cancer would be removed as well.

After the surgery, there was a brief period of release where Bryam was forced to learn how to live with the loss of, essentially, her identity as a woman and coming to terms with what society dictated a woman was.

Jennifer Taylor '05 looks at the photos of Stephanie Bryam, a woman diagnosed with breast cancer who allowed for her life to be immortalized on film.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

After having just accepted this fate, it was discovered that the cancer remained. She underwent chemotherapy which led to the loss of her hair, and eventually she passed away. Although this does appear to be an extremely sad and depressing story, it is actually one

SEE **PHOTO** | PAGE 12

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CAMPUS SAFETY OFFICER?

"Dougherty, because he was my chauffer to my doctor's appointment"

-Emily Skrzat '06

"I don't know their names...but I love their services."

-Dana Lynn Bieleki '08

"I don't know any, 'cause I'm a good little boy."

-Brian Kirchner '07

"Brenda. She's very nice and the mother to my roommate."

-Michael Carr '07

"Fritz, because he's always got such a wonderfully friendly manner about him."

-Mitch Cooper '05

COMPILED BY JOHN DUNPHY AND ROB KANDEL

Student Band Fest rocks audience

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

The Rory Lowe Band had finished. Graham Colton had finished. The Life Sports Center was silent. Anyone would have thought that the onslaught of music and rhythm provided by these two bands would have been enough. But then, the Student Band Festival began, and it blew any other artist that had performed out the door.

The Student Band Fest had been in the works for some time. Any group that wanted to partake in it was to signup at the Student Life Center ahead of time. Four groups did, and that was more than enough; the groups that played were Shades of Blue, Fantastopotamus, Reed Kendall and John Sweese and the Timepiece. Each band brought it's own flavor and dynamic to the event and each was extremely well received by the crowd of students that waited in anticipation for each new song.

Shades of Blue, quite possibly the most diverse band of the evening performed all of their own original songs with the exception of one. Not only that, but they did so with a drummer that was there to fill in. Comprised of sophomores, this band takes the art of music to a new level incorporating violin, upright bass and keyboard as well as the typical guitars and drums of your average rock band. Even though there was the one song that was covered, the students in the gymnasium didn't seem to mind as they screamed and clapped at the group of musical friends.

What truly set this group apart from the others was that each of the musicians was constantly playing. It was as if each person on stage was in their own world. The only problem with the group was that it was too much sound for the gymnasium. Had the concert been held outside like it was supposed to, the sound music would have been clearer and more distinct. Sadly, due to the weather, the festival had to be held inside and because of that, the music echoed off the walls. Although the music was still detectable, there was a lot of garbled noise.

Fantastopotamus performed using a blended variety of songs. They divided their set list into essentially half covers and half original work. They too have had a recent addition since their lead guitarist had graduated. It would have appeared like nothing was wrong though, as they continued to pour their heart and soul into the music which drove them to the stage.

Much like Fantastopotamus, John Sweese and the Timepiece played a variety of their own music mixed with some old time favorites. The drumming was spectacular, and the cohesion of the group was apparent.

Out of all of the bands, John Sweese was probably the most a-typical rock band meaning that they only had the basic guitars and drums, but just because they weren't "unique" in regards to instrument choice does not mean for a second that they were any less incredible. At one point, each member of the group had a slight solo giving every person a chance to show their own individual talents.

Admist all of the rock and roll, two students who didn't go by a specific name provided a softer and more acoustic feel to the festival. The group consisted of three guys on stage. This set was the only one performed that night that did not involve electric guitars. The quieter feel allowed audience members to really focus on the lyrics of the songs instead of just the music from the guitars. Also, not having a drummer made it easier to hear the chords since there was less of an echo from the surrounding walls.

It was actually very impressive that the show went off without any

SEE **BAND FEST** | PAGE 11

Review Corner: *Sky Captain*

Robots on the screen, and that's just the actors

By Max Lux
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Few movies have so tarnished the eyes of the public in such a manner that verbal abuse towards the writer of the film would be merited. Yet, this movie managed to find a way. How bad was this film? To give you a complete idea of just how incredibly abysmal *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* was, imagine your hand on fire, being eaten by a rabid chinchilla. Now multiply that by twelve.

Sky Captain starts off impressively enough, with an engagingly retro title scheme, flashing the initial credits in true 50s, B-movie fashion, fading slowly to an aerial shot of the "Hindenburg III" docking onto the Empire State Building. What follows is an engagingly gothic view of a past that could have conceivably been.

The special effects, in the opening minute and a half, astound audiences with their artistic complexity. The scene is rendered in detail more fitting for an art gallery than a film screen. It's as if the scene was painted in meticulous detail cell by cell, frame by frame, by masters of the field.

Then everything goes to Hell. The moment the first character opens his mouth to spew the most atrocious dialogue possible, you realize you just wasted five bucks or more. At first, this seems to simply be fitting with the retro tone of the movie; a 50s feel from 50s characters, and everything is right in the world. But after five minutes of seeing these bland actors talk blandly about exciting and death-defying events involving robots attacking New York, you want to go home.

Jude Law is the eponymous "Sky Captain," who flies a Batmobile-esque WWII-era fighter jet against the mechanical monstrosities ravaging this helpless city, and threatening his reporter/love interest Polly Perkins (Gwyneth Paltrow).

Miraculously he succeeds, and proceeds to dive into a grand mystery involving dinosaurs, androids and Indiana Jones rip-offs as he and Polly fight their way to Tibet and beyond to fight what might be their last battle. Too bad the film makes no sense. Transitions are random and nonsensical, requiring great leaps of imagination, which are just completely unreasonable.

Angelina Jolie appears for fifteen minutes to make the film have some sex appeal, then disappears. Characters die without cause and without effect. A famous scientist is incinerated to ash, and there is no response.

Sky Captain is like a bizarre train wreck. To an artist, it may seem to be wondrous, even beautiful in a sense; a talking movie that should have been made silent. Yet, upon cursory examination, it is a abomination onto nature. But unlike a train accident that requires more assistance and time to rectify, this film is worth no more of your time than it took to read this review.

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Mr. 3000
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Cellular
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Collateral
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

First Daughter
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

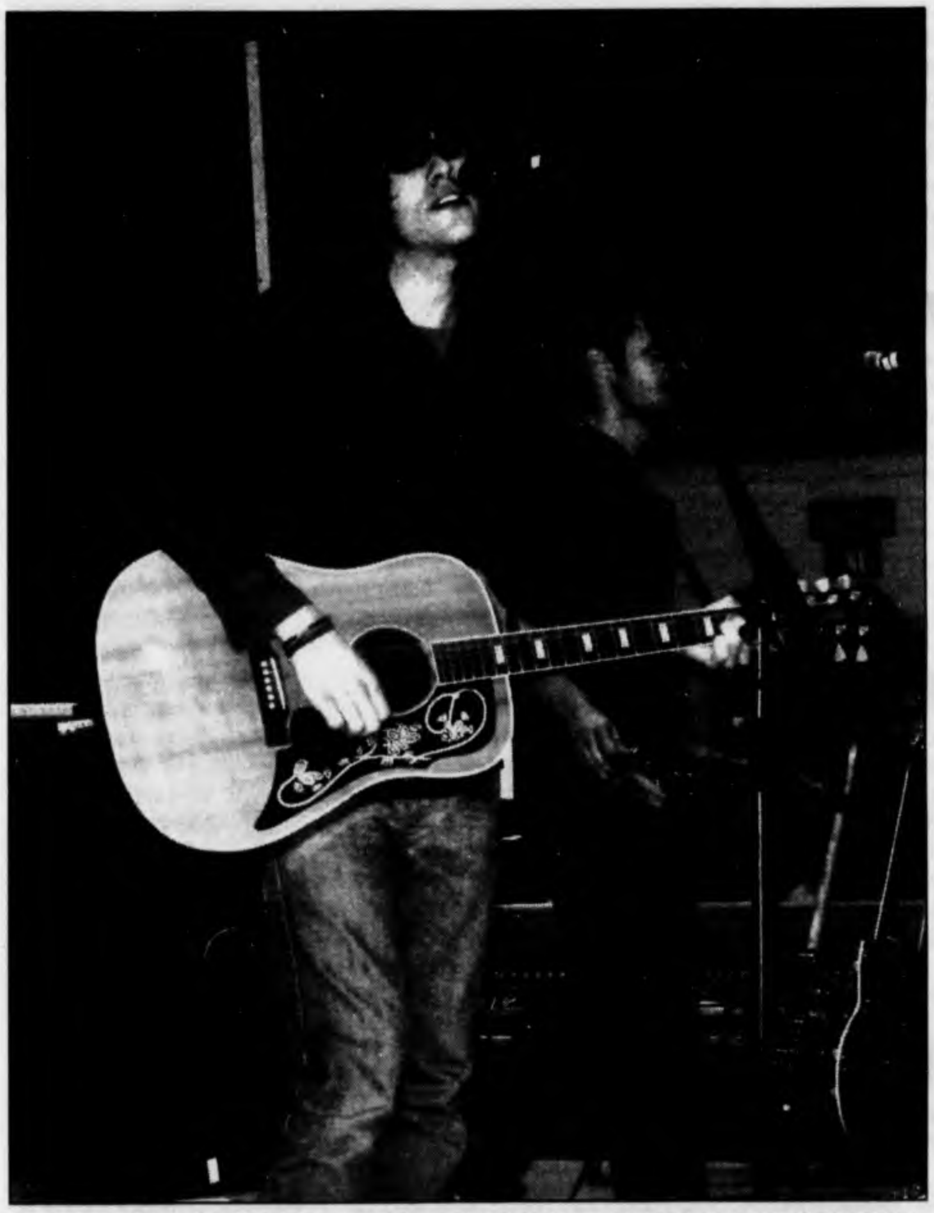
The Forgotten
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Resident Evil: Apocalypse
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Sky Captain
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Without a Paddle
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Graham Colton receives great applause despite fear of thunder claps



Graham Colton didn't let the weather stop him from putting on a great show for the College audience. With a mixture of his singles as well as a grouping of lesser known songs, he was able to capture the attention of students and staff whilst performing in the Life Sports Center.

PHOTO BY EMMA SANDERS

By Falynn Bleiberg
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

If one were to look for the Graham Colton Band playing on the Brown Lawn Saturday, they would have been met by drizzles and nothing else. Due to the inclement weather, The Graham Colton Band's performance was moved to Memorial Hall. This allowed accommodations for a huge audience who, unfortunately, never showed up. Following The Rory Lowe Band's opening set, Graham Colton and his bandmates took to the stage in front of about 30 students. However, this did not dampen the spirits of these five Texans, as they were explicitly grateful for those fans who did show up. Once they started playing though, it wasn't long before more students came to enjoy the concert.

Though the empty gym resembled a scene out of a bad 80s coming of age movie, The Graham Colton Band broke out into "South," followed by "How Low" and "1st Week." They played their hearts out as if they were playing a sold out stadium. The band's college appeal explains why they have toured over the past several years with the likes of the Counting Crows, O.A.R. and Matt Nathanson-coincidentally, all artists who have either played or are scheduled to play at Muhlenberg. This helped Graham Colton feel right at home.

There is nothing wrong with sounding like Oasis; it is actually a wonderful thing. However, Graham Colton's "Morning Light" is almost exactly Oasis' "Don't Go Away." The hook not only has the same melody, it has nearly the same words. Aside from this small detraction, Graham Colton's originals were both tight and catchy, especially the well known songs, "Jessica" and "Cigarette."

Only "Sending a Note" was played acoustically. For this particular song, the band left the stage in order for Graham Colton to pick up his acoustic guitar and rock out solo. Colton's skills were evident even without the band to back him up and thicken out the performance. He called the rest of the band out after this one song, saying "Let's pick this up again!"

The show was generally upbeat with the exception of "Matthew," which was requested by a fan in the crowd. Colton explained that this was a song he wrote only days after his childhood friend, Matthew, died in a car crash at 18 years old. The band proceeded to play the homage, which has never been released on an album and is only available illegally on the Internet.

In between each song, and sometimes in the middle of playing solos, Graham would shout out to the audience and would even have conversations with the few brave students willing to answer him. This free flow of conversation made the concert feel more like an informal showing than an actual "concert," but that style made it that much more enjoyable.

The band's simplistic lyricism and song structure easily lends itself to an energetic, fun and light-hearted live show. Nothing in the set was specifically extraordinary, yet the show was far from lackluster. The band's genuineness came through in their performance, as they took requests from the audience and repeatedly thanked everyone for coming.

This show marked the last of The Graham Colton Band's tour. They will soon be on tour again only now they will be opening for Matt

BAND FEST

FROM PAGE 10

problems. It had originally been planned for the front lawn, but because due to the threat of rain in the morning, all of the equipment had been set up for the professional performers. Had the show gone on outside, there would have been less of a sound problem, but the closeness of the gym provided a more intimate feel. The students that were watching the concert were forced to stand close to the bands performing, allowing them to fully appreciate the intensity of the music and allowing the bands to experience what it is like to perform in front of a crowd of people with their undivided attention. Whether in the audience or on the stage, the show was great.

All the bands participating were very well received, and it was definitely deserved. From outstanding vocals to dynamic guitar playing, the Student Band Fest truly showed just how gifted these groups were.

Think you know what's really going on and around campus?
Put your pencil where your mouth is!
We need **Writers, Assistants** and **Photographers**
Contact John Dunphy
e-mail: forest5934@aol.com
ext.: 5616

StudentCity.com
Spring Break
17 HOT DESTINATIONS!
Book Early & Receive:
Free Meals
Free Drinks
Free T-Shirt
Official Partner Of Maxim Break
CAMPUS REPS WANTED
Travel Free & Be VIP
1.888.Spring Break
www.studentcity.com

horoscopes

By Psychic McMindreader

Aries

It has been determined, that within the annals of time, the amazing wealth that is the annals of time is yet to be. Within these, there is a passage regarding you. The words are cryptic and speak vaguely of a life that could be, and the path that must be taken in order to obtain said life. These words are amazing. These words are... Aw that would be telling, wouldn't it?

Taurus

Oh, bull-headed Taurus, can anyone resist your stubborn charm? Of course they can, and you will find that this week in particular, no one is going to put up with your ::ahem:: "stuff." So put a smile on your face, agree with at least one person and salvage any important relationships you have because odds are if you don't, they won't survive the week.

Gemini

The great twins. The two equal parts of the universe, so alike, yet so different. How could you pick a better sign? Interesting, bi-lateral, even dual-natured, both in the disguise of beautiful maidens, this is your chosen sign. So you must seek out your spirit guide. Who would these be, two so alike, so gorgeous? The Olsen twins stupid. They're legal. Now go.

Cancer

When life gets you down, you must remember the fundamental reason you exist. Some people are intended to be doctors, lawyers, politicians. You my friend, are destined to invent. Not ordinary things like the toaster or the microwave, but wondrous creations the likes of which the world has never seen. You'll make no money and be very lonely, but you'll be unique!

Leo

It's almost October, and the moon is getting redder by the night. This is known as the harvest moon, a symbol of the ripening of crops. All throughout Pennsylvania, farmers are prepping threshers and readying barns for the influx of grain that is synonymous with this time of year. Of course, you'll just be carving pumpkins. You lazy bum.

Virgo

Everyone loves you. Anyway, undeserved vanity aside, you are in for the time of your life. Chances are, you're celebrating a birthday soon, and it's likely you'll get what you've been hoping for all year. Or, your girlfriend will find it funny to give you boxers emblazoned with manatees and a card that reads "You're my snuggle buddy." Loser.

Libra

Your appeal is a greater mystery than life itself. This can be taken as an insult or a great compliment to the mystery of your aura. How you choose to take it tells much about your inner self. Are you a loner, or are you the center of attention? Do you spend the weekends performing card tricks or watching Family Guy alone in your room? Who are you? I don't care.

Scorpio

Have you ever wanted to scream at the top of your lungs "What's going on?" Well, if you haven't, you will by Tuesday. You see, Mars is in perfect juxtaposition with Jupiter, which in turn is reflecting the heavenly auras directly away from you. So, while your significant other(s) bask in their new-found strength an luck, you will be left in a heap of self-pity.

Sagittarius

Do you know how hard "Sagittarius" is to spell? It's like trying to run the Triathalon with your arms bound and a broken leg. The mystical forces that guide the creation of these bits of wisdom are spoken, not written. It's difficult to translate them from the astral to the physical. It might be easier if I received a little monetary "compensation."

Capricorn

Haas is a landmark on the college campus and you are drawn to it like a moth to a flame. The giant tower's great gongs on the hour resonate through your very heart. They are the beating of your soul. But for the love of God, when you're sitting there, at least look presentable; the mangy beard and ratty clothing are scaring away prospective students and their families.

Aquarius

It rained a lot last week, and you actually enjoyed it. While your waterlogged friends complained of stifling humidity and damp shoes, you danced around the room, earning the spite and hatred of your friends. In fact, it seems they are about to take advantage of your water-loving personality. Avoid and beware of waterballoon sling-shots.

Pisces

Writing any sort of paper is like romancing a woman. First, you make some interesting remark to get her attention, then you woo her with lies whispered so sweetly, that she would believe you if you told her you were the Queen of France. Finally, to win her over, submit entirely to her, make yourself hers. Actually, just lie, lie, lie, it works.

PHOTO

FROM PAGE 9

of hope. The entire time, Stephanie never lost hope that she would come through in the end. She persisted in looking toward the future. Although she has since died, her story now goes on and tells many people the importance of treating cancer.

Although each photograph is significant and adds its own importance to the overall story, some images are far more spellbinding than others. One set of images is Stephanie simply turning her head. The first shot is the back of her head, and each one after that is taken with her turning slightly so that ultimately she is looking at you over her shoulder. The caption that goes along with this photo and the several others in the "post-chemo phase" of her life discussed that people look at people with abnormalities differently. The turning of her head makes a viewer feel ashamed and guilty of just that. After having looked over almost every inch of her body, the head turn almost makes a person feel like she is aware that you've just seen her at her most vulnerable point.

Another image that stands out is an image taken during the chemo. She simply sits back, closes her eyes and lets the medicine sweep through her. Although one can only imagine what she is going through at the particular moment in time, she almost looks contented. The expression on her face gives the viewer a feeling that she has hope and that in the end' it will all be "OK."

Between the pictures are pinned small pieces of paper stating what was going on through that particualr segment of time when the photo was taken. These pieces of paper tell poetry, quotes and sometimes just a narrative of what is going on. One caption towards the end of the exhibit stated that at some point her doctor wanted to do reconstructive surgery. She said that she didn't understand why he would just assume she would want to have breasts again.

For Charlee Brodsky, professor of Photography at Carnegie Mellon University, this was his first experiance taking shots of a person over an extended period of time. In order to do this, he had to devote himself entirely to the cause and came to be close, personal friends with Stephanie. He was one of the people that was with her when she died on Jan. 9, 2001. One would think that he would conclude his documentary with a final glimpse of Byram in the hospital, but he refused. While taking her photos, Brodsky had worked with Byram every step of the way. If they could not take the picture together, then it would not be worth the film.

The exhibit will be in the Martin Art Gallery from now until Oct. 31. This breathtaking compilation of a woman struggling against all odds while remaining resolute and confident throughout it all is truly an inspiring sight and makes you question how you live your life.

LIFE! EDITOR'S PICKS OF THE WEEK

VIDEO GAME	***Mega Man Anniversary Collection*** The android is back. Capcom's collection consists of 10 classic Mega Man games. Charge your blaster and get ready to do battle against the evil Dr. Wily. It's a return to the olden days of simple fire away style. Villains such as Clown Man, Spring Man and several others reappear. Let your mind wander and your thumbs do the talking.	***The Editor Says:*** Worth every hour trying to beat each game again. Test your skill and try not to cheat online by finding out which weapon beats which villain. It makes it last longer, which in turn makes it feel great.
MOVIE	***Puppet Master*** A simple puppeteer whose life is destroyed by Nazis is forced to fight back using dark magic. He gives the little creatures that have entertained his audiences the ability to fight his battles for him. The puppets then go on a killing spree which carries over into the other movies in the series.	***The Editor Says:*** I don't care who you are, everyone appreciates a little violence now and then. And what better to take out your rage than a bunch of Nazis? Great for a late night gore fest.
CD	***Millennium 80s New Wave Party*** Various Artists Full of classic eighties hits such as "Rock Lobster" by the B-52s and "Whip It" by Devo, this CD is a full of nostalgic remembrances of a generation past. You can party just like you did back in the day.	***The Editor Says:*** Granted, many of the songs from the 80s would much rather be forgotten, but we all have to indulge in life's simple pleasures sometimes, when no one is looking.
BOOK	***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*** by Betty Smith The story of a young girl's coming of age in the early 1900s. Francis Nolan is followed through the various phases of her life, and in doing so, the reader learns about the pain and frustration of poverty and the strength of the human spirit.	***The Editor Says:*** Even if you are not given to being emotional over a book, this story will inspire you to take a walk in someone else's shoes. An excellent read again and again.

Motivated to succeed

Mule Profile: Jenna Belisonzi

Senior captain Jenna Belisonzi is the top female runner for the Mules.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

By Allison Auclair
SPORTS EDITOR

As the captain of the Mules Cross Country team, Senior Jenna Belisonzi brings skill, knowledge and experience to the young, but talented group. The 5'3'' long distance runner from Wycoff, N.J. graduated from Immaculate Heart Academy with varsity letters in both cross country and track, and continues her involvement with both sports at the 'Berg.

Belisonzi has been "the Mule leader" this season, leading her team to their first away win in history at the McDaniel Invitational on Sept. 16. The Mules have made regional rankings for the first time, placing seventh in the Mideast Region as of Sept 20.

Despite these team accomplishments, Belisonzi has reached important personal milestones as well. Last season she was chosen for the second team All Centennial Conference and All-Mideast Region last season by placing 14th and 16th, respectively, at those meets. Belisonzi recently had a career best finish at the 2004 McDaniel Invitational, being the first Mule and the third overall runner to finish the race.

It has not always been an easy road for Belisonzi, as she had hip surgery and missed the 2002 season. This hardship was only motivation for Belisonzi to come back stronger than ever. "Ever since my surgery, I have been pretty careful about staying healthy and not getting hurt. It's important to me not to let things get me down, which is why after my surgery I was more eager to get out there and prove myself more than ever," Belisonzi said.

And she did just that. After spending most of 2002 on crutches and going through physical therapy, Belisonzi came back. She was the first Mule runner to cross the finish line at the 2003 DeSales Invitational and the eighth runner out of a total of 221 runners. "For me, going through something difficult just makes coming back to something and achieving success even sweeter. I worked hard to make sure that my injury wouldn't harm the remainder of my college career, and with the help of my friends and family, I think I have definitely achieved this goal."

Remaining modest of her running skill, Belisonzi was quick to praise others. "Coach Andrews has always supported me through the four years, and Coach Lobb is very encouraging as well. Both coaches have very different coaching styles, but they really complement one another, and they have created a great team dynamic," Belisonzi said. "We have a great time together which is important because when you work really hard at practice, it is comforting to be surrounded by people that are always laughing and cheering you on."

Along with her personal goals, Belisonzi has some for the team: "I would love to place in the top four in the conference. For me, the most exciting part is that our team is so young, and we have several girls back from injuries, as well as a group of freshmen who are working very hard," Belisonzi said. "Overall, my ultimate goal would be to go to nationals and see some of my teammates qualify as well."

Aside from being the captain of a highly successful Division III cross country team, Belisonzi is also a Sociology major, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, and an employee at the Martin Art Gallery. She also participated in the Muhlenberg Study Abroad Program last semester and spent four months in Perugia, Italy, studying Sociology.

During the season, however, Belisonzi concentrates mainly on two things: academics and cross country. The team is a family for Belisonzi, and the close relationships that she shares with them are a big part of what enables her to achieve success. "Our team is small enough that we can really get to know each other. It is important to have that kind of emotional support when you run because you want to see both you and your teammates reach their fullest potential," Belisonzi said. "Overall they provide me with more support than I could ever ask for. They are all amazing runners as well, and I wouldn't be able to do anything without them [acting] as a pillar of support for me. Karen Mount is a huge asset to the team as well, and she inspires me more and more everyday to reach my personal goals."

Cross Country is not on Belisonzi's mind solely during the season, as she trains hard during the summer as well. This year she ran everyday as well as trained several times a week to improve her breathing patterns and running form.

After spending the summer at home, Belisonzi is ready to finish her senior year. She is working hard everyday with hopes that her personal and team goals will be achieved. As onlookers, we can only watch in amazement as Belisonzi accomplishes all she desires.

Fall Break

All college owned houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on October 15th at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on October 19 at 10:00 a.m.

(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:
- Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with **written** permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a $15.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by October 1st. Late requests will be subject to a $25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call our office at x3180.

MEN'S SOCCER

FROM PAGE 14

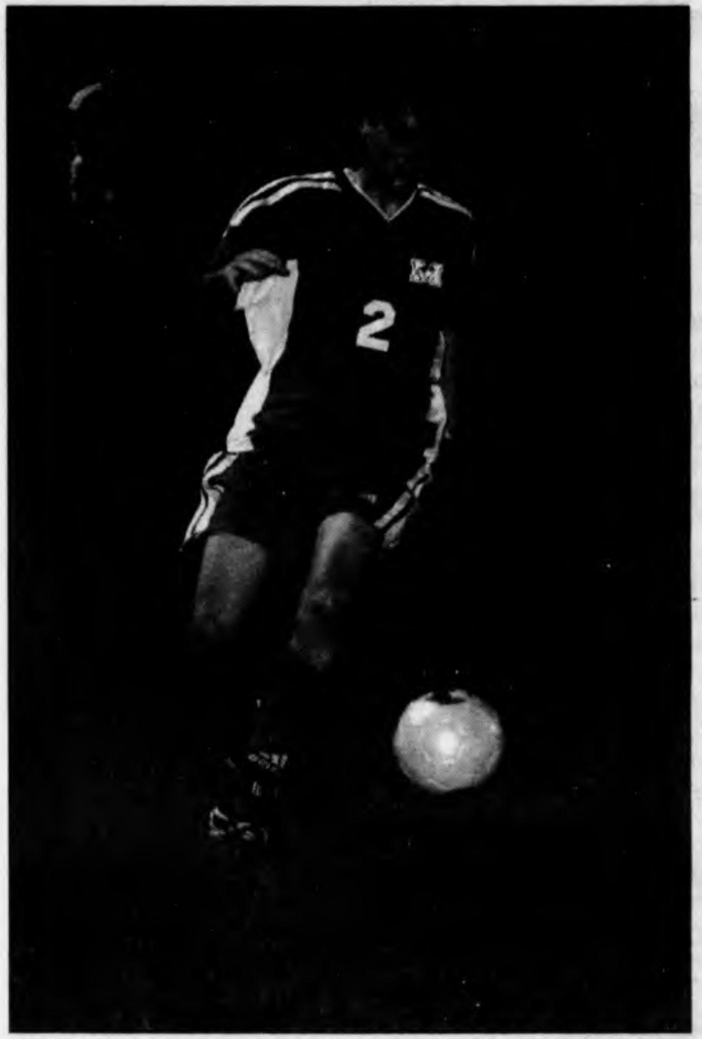
reviews.

"Coach Bellomo is great. He is young--only 25 years old--so he can relate to all of us. He knows what we are going through and is always there to talk to about golf," said Farrelly.

Even though the Mules placed seventh among the Centennial Conference competitors in the Blue Jay Classic, they are currently in fifth place in the Centennial Conference rankings.

Today, the Mules compete in the Moravian Invitational at 1:00 p.m. The Greyhounds placed third in the Elizabethtown Invitational, ahead of the Mules by fourteen strokes.

"Moravian [College] has been pretty competitive in the last three years. We know [Moravian] team pretty well since we've been playing with them. It will be a good match," said Farrelly.



Sophomore Alex Hamill and the Mules could not defeat John Hopkins University on Saturday.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Mules' Homewood curse continues

By Betsy Stoller
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

MEN'S
SOCCER

The Mules succumbed to Johns Hopkins University in their Centennial Conference game opener 2-1 last Saturday, allowing the Homewood Field curse to prevail.

Of their last eight trips to Hopkins home turf field, the Mules have never won. Two of their last four losses have resulted in overtime and one in penalty kicks.

The Mules ten game Centennial Conference winning streak was snatched from them when Hopkins scored off of a throw just thirty seconds into overtime.

Hopkins scored the first goal about thirty minutes into the first half. Junior Jose Ramirez scored the Mules' lone goal when he bent in a corner kick with thirty seconds remaining in the first half to even up the scoreboard.

"I was pleased with my goal and how our team played in the first half. Unfortunately, with the weather, the second half weakened us offensively and defensively, but we're ready for our next [Centennial Conference] challenge," stated Ramirez.

During the second half, the Mules played against the strong winds and did not get a single shot or corner kick in the entire second half.

Ramirez blocked a ball with his head during the second half and left the game. He was later found to have a concussion.

"We played a very good first half, but when [Ramirez] went down in the second half, we struggled to keep possession," said Sophomore Blake Grannell.

The Hopkins' Blue Jays had twelve shots to the goal, while the Mules only had five. Senior goalkeeper Chris Davis made two saves compared with one made by the Blue Jays goalie.

"The weather conditions played a huge part in the game. Both goals were scored off of restarts. The first was a free kick, and then the second was a throw in. The wind didn't help us at all during the second half," said Davis.

"This loss makes us want to win the rest of our conference games so that we can play [Johns Hopkins University] in the [Centennial Conference] tournament and beat them," said Davis.

The Mules plan on practicing hard before their next game on Saturday at Washington.

Even though the Mules were ranked second in the Centennial Conference's coaches pre-season poll, they are currently ranked eighth in the Conference. Washington (2-2-1) is ranked sixth.

FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE 16

attempt just minutes later and never made it close to the end zone again.

At this point, the Mules stayed in the game with some help from a blocked punt in the endzone by Junior Phil Gasker, who earned his second career safety.

A free kick return by Junior Mike McCurley left the Mules in Union territory.

A series of rushes placed the Mules on the seventeen yard line when Senior Nick Rosetti found Sophomore Chris Giannini for a touchdown. The half came to a close with the Mules down by two points.

Union had a chance to score early in the third quarter following an interception, but McCurley and Gasket combined to stop a receiver short on fourth down at the Mule 23-yard line.

Behind the running of Spencer, the Mules put themsleves into position for two field goal tries, but they were wide on both. A tackle early in the fourth quarter caused a six yard loss by Peer, which forced Union to punt.

After fielding the ball at his own 48, McCurley made his way to the two yard line.

On the third down with just over twelve minutes to go in the game, Senior Jason Spencer scored his first career touchdown and put the Mules ahead for the remainder of play. Spencer, who took the field after Senior Mike Mrkobrad fell to an injury early in the second quarter, had a career high 100 yard game.

With 5:17 to play, Union intercepted a play which threatened to put them back on top. On the Mules 29 yard line, Union suffered an eleven yard sack by Junior James Crowley.

Bennett led the defense with thirteen tackles, while Gasket and Sophomore Dustin Martin had ten each. Giannini caught six passes for an even 100 yards for his second week in a row over 100.

The Mules, who are now working off a two-game winning streak, play their second home game Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Mules open season in twelfth

By Kristen Ziegler
SPORTS EDITOR

MEN'S
GOLF

The Mules opened their season this weekend at the Elizabethtown College Fall Blue Jay Classic where they faced up against Centennial Conference competitors such as McDaniel, Franklin and Marshall, Ursinus and Gettysburg in addition to the host, Elizabethtown.

"I thought the team did really well. It's good that we got off to the good start that we did," said Junior Brian Farrelly.

Though the Mules played well in comparison with their records, they placed twelfth in a field of fifteen. However, only twelve strokes separated the top ten competitors, and the Mules finished only eighteen strokes off the lead with a team score of 317.

This team score is also an improvement from their performance last year where the team's average score was 319.4.

Sophomore Brian Ruht led the Mules with a round of 77; he was only seven strokes behind the Susquehanna leader, Matthew Hubbard.

Last year, Ruht was second in individual rankings for Muhlenberg. In average number of strokes per round, Ruht trailed Matt Katz '04 by only one stroke.

In the Blue Jay Classic, Junior Chris Walach was only one stroke behind Ruht with a round of 77.

Senior Weston Happ shot a career low of 78. Happ's lowest round last season was an 82. He averaged 87.3 strokes a round.

Sophomore Patrick Moyle shot an 84 while Farrelly shot an 86.

"[Though] I have not always played well, how everyone else [played] will help to make us competitive in the Centennial Conference," said Farrelly.

For the 2004 Spring season, Farrelly was one of six players in the Centennial Conference recognized with post-season honors and named to the Centennial Conference's First Team All-Conference Team.

In College standings, Farrelly was ranked fourth with an average of 80.5 strokes per round last season.

The Mules have also been adjusting to the style of a new coach this season. At the end of the spring season last year, Head Coach Kevin Edwards left the Mules to take a job at Riverview Country Club in Easton.

New to the team is Head Coach Mario Bellomo, a Penn State University graduate with experience as an assistant golf professional at several New York and Philadelphia clubs. Bellomo is currently working as an assistant professional at the Mules' home course, the Lehigh Country Club.

Coach Bellomo is already receiving good

SEE MEN'S GOLF
PAGE 13

Mules start slow, but finish strong

By Betsy Stoller
Weekly Sports Writer

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Mules defeated McDaniel 2-1 on Sunday, setting the tone for Centennial Conference play with a 1-0 record.

The first half proved to be evenly matched with no goal scored by either team.

During halftime, the Mules began to communicate more effectively and stepped onto the field in total control.

"We talked about coming together as a team, especially in the midfield and [agreed] to communicate better. Once we did that, we controlled things from the middle of the field, which allowed for a lot more goal-scoring opportunities," said Senior midfielder Katie Macomber.

And that it did, as Junior midfielder Amy Schmidt sparked the first Mules goal with a hard shot that was deflected by McDaniel's goalie, rolled past the endline and allotted a corner kick to the Mules.

A hard cross was fumbled around the box and reflected out to Sophomore Elana Rabinowitz. Rabinowitz then shot and scored her first career goal, giving the Mules a 1-0 lead.

Less than five minutes later, Macomber fired in the second Muhlenberg goal. Macomber's second goal this week was also her third career goal.

Although the Mules dominated the second half, the Green Terror managed to rally back with one goal in the last ten minutes.

However, a solid defensive effort and four saves from Sophomore goalie Kayla Boisvert, ended the Centennial Conference match with a 2-1 Mules victory. This victory extends the Centennial Conference home winning streak to 25 consecutive games.

"[McDaniel] was the only team we lost to last year, and it was a big goal for us to come out and beat them and set the tone for the season," Macomber said.

The Mules will continue Centennial Conference play this Saturday against the Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays.

Senior Rebecca Armstrong sparked the offense against McDaniel College on Saturday.

Photo by Rob Kandel

[illegible] KNOW

Approximately 1,700 Idaho residents voted Olympic Skier Picabo Street and Hall of Fame baseball player Harmon Killebrew as Idaho's Best Athletes of the 20th Century.

(http://www.visitid.org/press/pub/Idaho_File/SportsFactsTrivia.html)

WRITE FOR SPORTS!

Email Kristen at
Kristenziegler81
@hotmail.com
or Allison at
AAuclair
@muhlenberg.edu

'Berg gears up for season

By Robin DeCicco
Asst. Sports Editor

MEN'S TENNIS

The Mules played their season opener at the Philadelphia Area Team Tennis Tournament, an individual tournament played between Haverford, Franklin and Marshall and the College of New Jersey.

The Mules competed in this tournament to practice match play in preparation for their spring season.

Senior co-Captain Jeff Kraft already seems to be prepared for the season. He reached the championship final before losing to the top ranked player from the College of New Jersey.

Last year, Kraft was recognized as the top singles player for the College. In the post-season, Kraft was the only Mule named to the All-Centennial Conference Singles Team.

Other team members involved in this tournament included Senior co-Captain Mitchell Reading, Senior Craig Elmore and Juniors Brad Gutwillig and Adam Nodiff.

Although these players lost the majority of their matches, Reading feels confident that they will continue to practice hard during the off-season and be ready to win some matches in the spring.

Even though Reading's matches were not award- worthy, the coaches of all four teams involved in the tournament noticed his ever-present sportsmanship. Reading was thus awarded the Sportsmanship Award.

Reading takes his duty as co-Captain seriously and hopes that the team's record will greatly improve from last year's disappointing record of 2-6 in Centennial Conference play.

When asked about last year's troubled season, Reading said, "I was very disappointed with last year's record and as captains, [Kraft] and I are making a great effort to physically and mentally prepare the team for match play."

"It is important that the guys stay in shape during the off-season and that they practice playing competitive matches. If everyone focuses on practicing, conditioning and teamwork, I don't see how we won't win matches," said Kraft.

The Mules next match is against Stroudsburg on Oct. 8.

Weekly Schedule

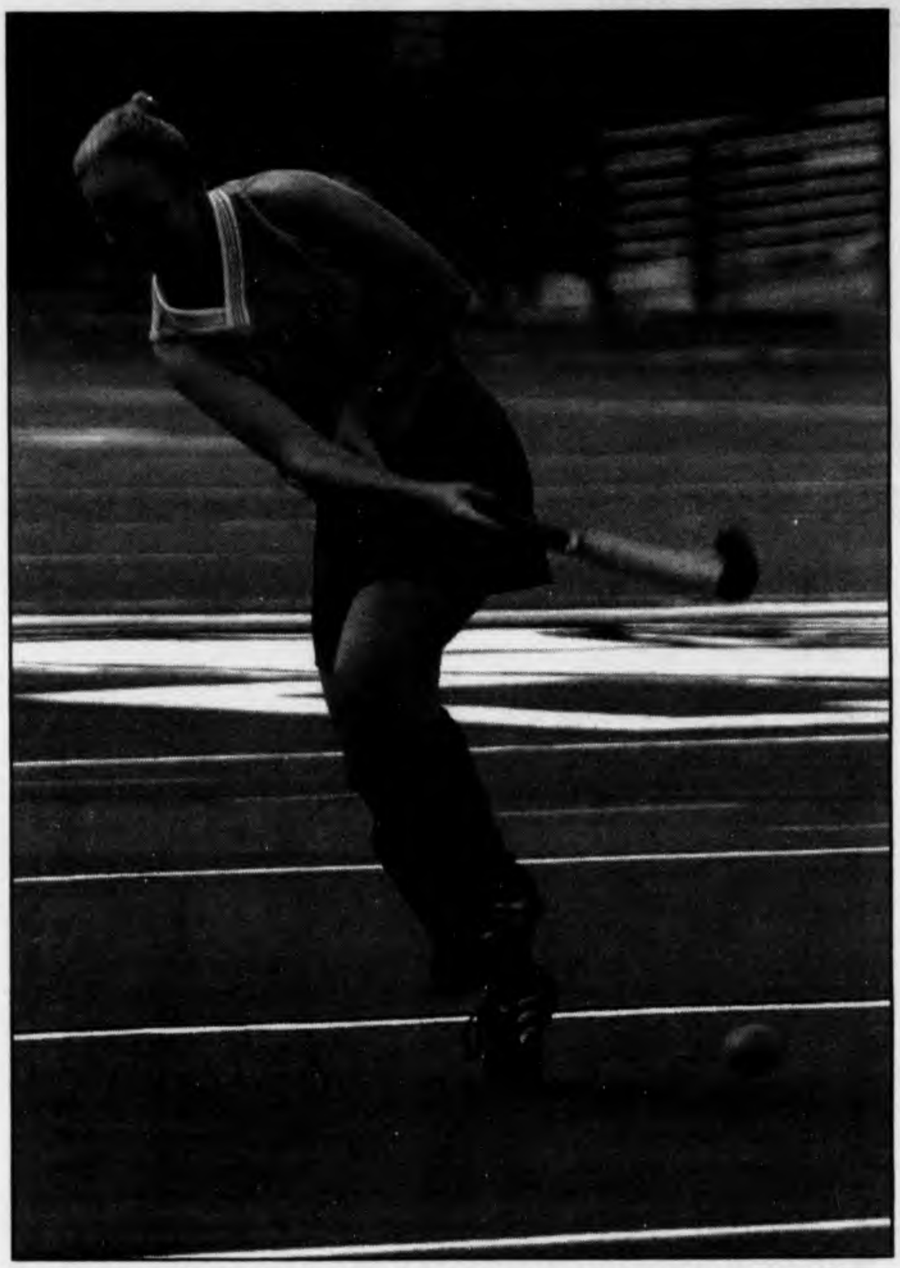
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cross Country			Paul Short Invitational at Lehigh at 10:00 a.m.	
Field Hockey		at McDaniel at 4:00 p.m.		
Football			vs. Grove City at 1:00 p.m.	
Golf	Moravian Fall Invitational at 1:00 p.m.			
Women's Soccer			vs. McDaniel at 7:00 p.m.	
Men's Soccer			at Washington (M.D.) at 1:00 p.m.	
Women's Tennis		ITA Southeast Regional at Mary Washington	ITA Southeast Regional at Mary Washington	
Volleyball		Amherst Classic TBA	Amherst Classic TBA	
Rugby				vs. Ursinus at 1:00 p.m.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE
CHEW STREET

'Berg offense makes the difference



Senior Andrea Sebright helps lead the Muhlenberg Field Hockey team past Washington and Lee on Saturday.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

By Betsy Stoller
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

FIELD HOCKEY

Senior Kristen Bruschi attained her third career hat trick as she guided the Mules to their impressive 5-2 victory over Washington and Lee last Saturday.

The Mules scored three of their five goals in the first half. In the last three games, the Mules have not scored until the second half.

The Mules offense stepped up their goal efforts, and all of Bruschi's goals were assisted. "We knew that after scoring only one goal on 22 shots on Wednesday we needed an offensive punch. We did more offensive-minded drills during our practices on Thursday and Friday to prepare ourselves for Saturday's game," said Bruschi.

"We wanted to make sure that everyone was ready to score," said Bruschi.

Bruschi's first goal was a deflection off of a pass by Sophomore Jessica Hand; the second was from Junior Katie Thomas, and Bruschi's final goal came from a pass from Junior Stephanie Light.

Bruschi has now reached the 50 career-goal mark; she the fifth player in the Centennial Conference to reach that level.

Bruschi was named to the Centennial Conference Honor Roll, not only for this accomplishment, but also for scoring the lone goal in the Moravian game last week.

"We just went out there to have fun on Saturday. We came together and played as a team, and the scoreboard served as evidence of our hard work and team camaraderie," said Bruschi.

In the second half, Washington and Lee scored off of a penalty stroke, putting pressure on the Mules.

With five minutes left in the second half, Hand answered Washington and Lee's goal with her first goal of the season. Hand's goal was assisted by Sophomore Allie Covell.

Nearly a minute later, Freshman Jillian Duffy scored her first career goal off of a pass from Freshman Lauren Rutt.

"I think everything we have been working on in practice finally came together in today's game. We had good passing, good communication and we came through not just defensively but offensively in this game," Duffy said.

"As a freshmen, it is nerve-racking being thrown into a game. Once you are out there, you get into your groove, and the girls on the team make it so easy to feel needed and important," said Duffy.

Washington and Lee scored again with two minutes left to play, but the Mules faught back and the game ended 5-2.

The Mules are ranked seventh in the Centennial Conference. The Mules' Centennial Conference opener is on Saturday at McDaniel.

Mules sneak by Union after rough first quarter

By Allison Marman
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

FOOTBALL

The Mules have a current record of 2-0 after beating Union College last Saturday.

The game got off to a rough start for the Mules as Union quarterback Tony Marotti passed 73 yards to wide-out Ryan Twitchell to score the game's first touchdown.

The extra point was blocked by Senior Ryan Peer, but Union didn't falter and came back with two additional touchdown passes in the next fifteen minutes.

This quarterback to wide-out pattern worked well for Union, as Twitchell scored another touchdown with just 5:49 left in the first quarter.

Muhlenberg had a slow start offensively, losing possession twice on its first three possessions.

The Dutchmen capitalized on the second, scoring on a 32 yard touchdown pass with 5:49 left in the first quarter for a 12-0 lead.

Union took back possession and found themselves on their own 39 with first down when Junior linebacker Mark Bennet forced a fumble. The teams scrambled as the ball rolled into the Mules' endzone where Junior Tom Wargacki earned his first career touchdown.

Union took charge again off the kickoff, and after an eleven play serious, found themselves in the Mules' end zone one more time.

This would be Union's last score of the day, as they missed a field goal

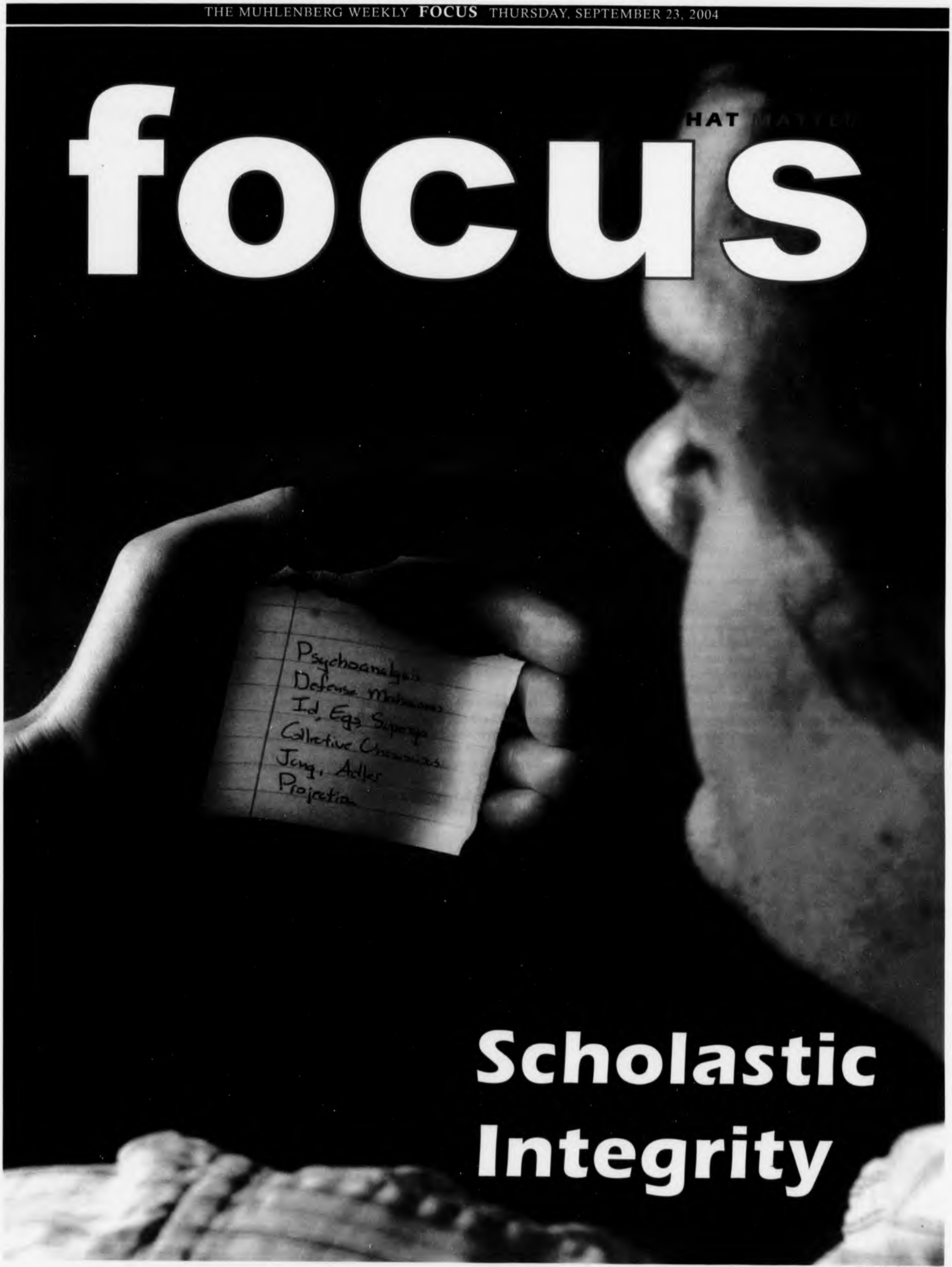
SEE FOOTBALL
PAGE 14

Inside Sports

Mules lose at Homewood
page 14
'Berg opens with win
page 15

focus

HAT MATTE


Psychoanalysis
Defense Mechanisms
Id, Ego, Superego
Collective Unconscious
Jung, Adler
Projection

Scholastic Integrity

Photo By Rob Kandel

The choice to cheat: Facing the consequences

By Carol Shiner Wilson
Dean of Academic Life

Photo by Rob Kandel

About three years ago, the College was invited to subscribe to a plagiarism-detection website called TurnItIn.com. When we learned that every student in a class would have to submit an electronic copy of his or her paper for comparison to a national database, we called an immediate halt to consideration of the program. Such tactics, we felt, treated every student like a potential plagiarist. Such thinking and acting were contrary to the ethos of trust at the College. While some students will plagiarize -- or in other ways violate the Academic Behavior Code by cheating or colluding -- the vast majority of students merit the trust the College Community places in them.

At one point, the College had an Honor Code such as those at Bryn Mawr College and West Point. The system was student-run. Students were expected to adhere to academic integrity themselves and were expected to confront violators, who were then supposed to self-report to the Student Court. The Court was empowered to impose penalties such as failure in a course and suspension.

In an article in the Sept. 13, 1973 issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, Student Chief Justice Jeff Brand echoed the sentiment of students and faculty alike, saying that the Honor Code was not working, in part because of the reluctance of students to confront or report other students. Faculty, moreover, had concerns about the rigor of the Court.

Over the next few years, faculty and students worked together to develop the Academic Behavior Code, whereby the very first discussion in a suspected violation would be between the faculty member and student. The first allegation is still considered a learning opportunity, and a hearing -- which is only at the request of the student -- is rare. However, a second allegation mandates a hearing, and the penalty can be as serious as suspension or expulsion.

The most recent version of the Academic Behavior Code was passed by the faculty in March of 2004. A breach of the Code is still understood to be a breach of trust between student and faculty member, between student and classmates and between student and the rest of the College Community.

These days, more than ever, professors discuss academic integrity and standards (e.g., citation requirements, limits of collaborative work, etc.) for assignments in their classes. Students need only ask their professors if they are at all unclear about the parameters.

What do students who have violated the Academic Behavior Code tend to say? In over eight years of conversations with almost 150 students, I have found that most students disclose either immediately or eventually. Sometimes they sincerely take responsibility; sometimes they do not. They tend to say some version of the following: "I had put off doing the assignment until the last minute and panicked, so I went to the Internet (or took parts of another student's paper)," or, "The professor had so many papers to grade, I couldn't imagine he'd notice," or, "I wanted good grades for law (or med) school." And sometimes students confess, "I had done it before and didn't get caught," or simply, "I was careless."

Whatever the circumstances, we all have choices. Those choices should support trust, academic integrity and community.

Academic Behavior Code Violations 1998-Present

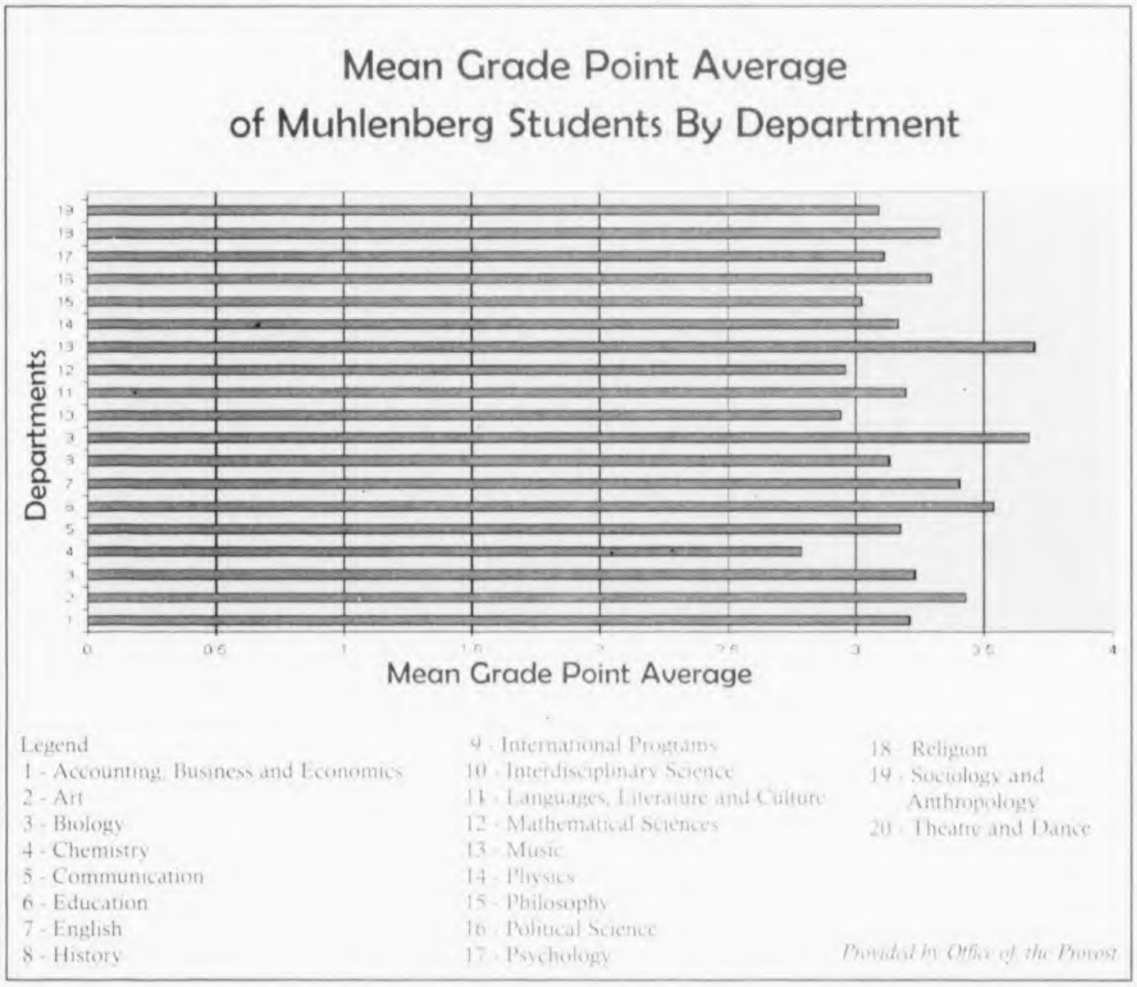
Total Reported Violations

1998-99	14
1999-00	31
2000-01	40
2001-02	14
2002-03	24
2003-04	26

Total Hearings 1998-2004

First Allegation	2
Second Allegation	11
Second/Third Allegation Combined	1

Provided by the Office of Academic Life



Mean Grade Point Average of Muhlenberg Students By Department

Provided by Office of the Provost

PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING ALLEGATION OF ACADEMIC BEHAVIOR CODE VIOLATION

Faculty member:

- Reads work that appears to be problematic; seeks more information
- Discusses concerns with student to arrive at the truth
- Upon determination that there is a violation of the ABC, and if the penalty is more than revision of the assignment, sends notification to the Dean for Academic Life

Penalty could be:

- failure in the assignment
- failure in the course
- forced withdrawal from the course with no credit received (VF on transcript)

→

Dean of Academic Life:

- Sends letter to student
- Meets with student to discuss the situation, value of academic integrity and student's options as outlined in the ABC

↓

First Allegation

Students may choose to accept the sanction and not go to the Hearing Board.

↓

If student requests hearing and is found to have violated the Code, Board may recommend original sanction or harsher sanction.

↓

Second Allegation

A second allegation must go before a Hearing Board comprised of 3 faculty and 3 students.

Sanctions may include:

- Forced withdrawal from course with no credit received (VF on transcript)
- Suspension (1, 2, or 3 semesters)
- Expulsion
- Revocation of privileges
- Others as deemed appropriate

Provided by the Office of Academic Life

On plagiarism, pressure and the writing process

By Dr. Jill Stephen
Professor of English

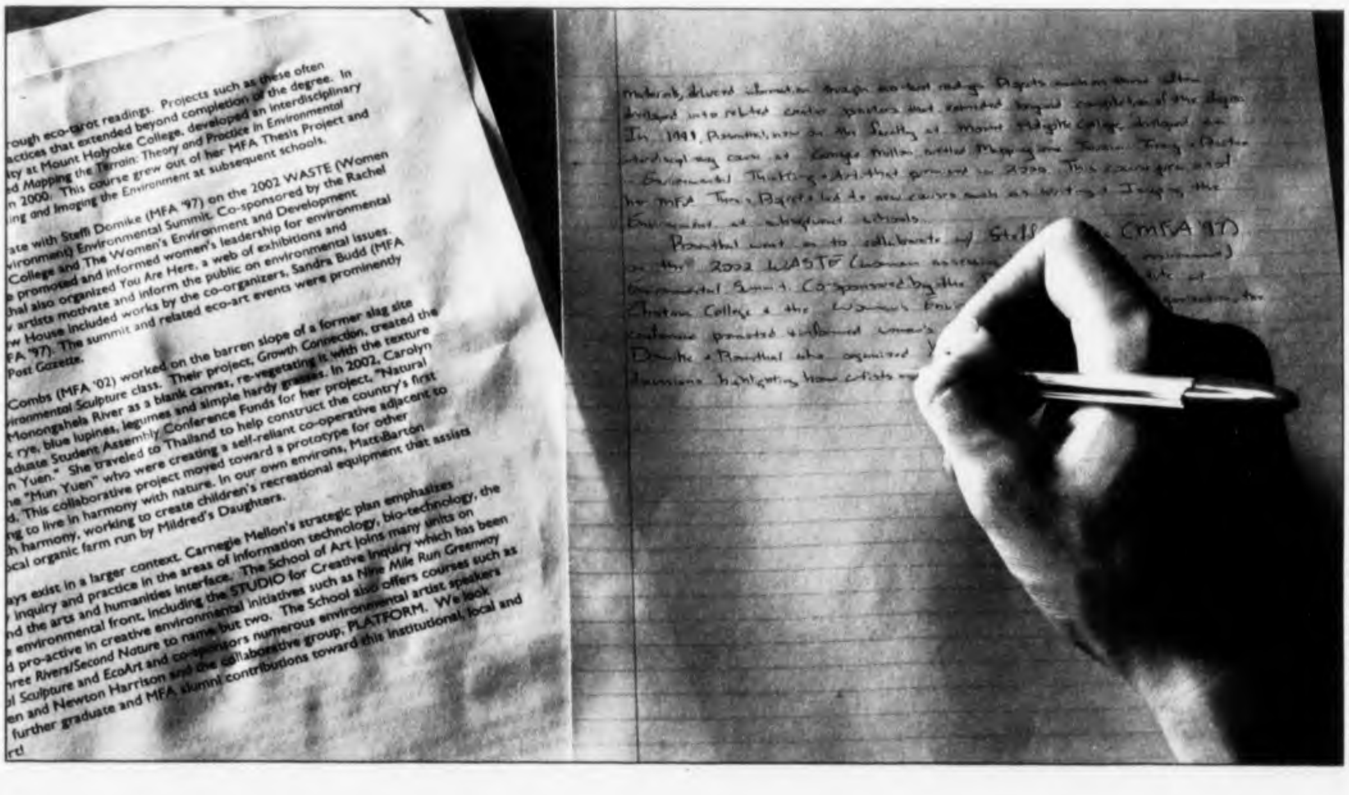
When David Rosenwasser and I, as co-directors of Muhlenberg's Writing Across the Curriculum program, were asked by Dean Shiner Wilson to write a document on plagiarism for the College, the request was due not only to the escalating scope of the problem, but also to increasing confusion about its costs as well as its causes.

Faculty members were spending many painful hours documenting plagiarism charges against students; students were spending many painful hours trying to respond to those charges. Everyone agreed that plagiarism should not be ignored because of the damage that it does to trust between students and professors and to the learning process. But everyone also agreed that there had to be a better solution than more late hours for Academic Judicial Board.

And so we sought to clarify matters. In the process we realized that the question of what is and isn't plagiarism is much larger than what does or doesn't constitute stealing. In order to avoid plagiarism, must we aim to be entirely original in the words we choose? If so, how would this fit with Matthew Arnold's idea that a primary aim of education is to discover "the best that has been thought and known"? Who among us owes nothing to the thinking of others? Isn't it part of the educational process to acquire the ideas of others and incorporate these into who we are and what we think and feel?

Well, isn't that why the footnote was invented and why people keep cranking out all of those citation guidelines? Citation guides can teach you how to avoid unwittingly falling into acts of plagiarism, but they can't teach you what it means to make an idea your own, to learn from others but still be able to think for yourself.

I'd like to think that the real link between academic pressure and plagiarism is not a cynical desire to beat the system, but a lot of misunderstandings about what it means to have an idea. Short pieces like this one lend themselves to easy-sounding "answers," but here is one in which I believe. Write all of the time about what you are studying. The voice you find will be your own, and it will teach you how to assimilate rather than just download all of the new things that you have come here to learn.



rough eco-tarot readings. Projects such as these often
actices that extended beyond completion of the degree. In
lty at Mount Holyoke College, developed an interdisciplinary
d *Mapping the Terrain: Theory and Practice in Environmental*
n 2000. This course grew out of her MFA Thesis Project and
ing and Imaging the *Environment* at subsequent schools.

ate with Steffi Domike (MFA '97) on the 2002 WASTE (Women
vironment) Environmental Summit. Co-sponsored by the Rachel
College and The Women's Environment and Development
e promoted and informed women's leadership for environmental
thal also organized You Are Here, a web of exhibitions and
v artists motivate and inform the public on environmental issues.
w House included works by the co-organizers, Sandra Budd (MFA
FA '97). The summit and related eco-art events were prominently
Post Gazette.

Combs (MFA '02) worked on the barren slope of a former slag site
vironmental Sculpture class. Their project, Growth Connection, treated the
Monongahela River as a blank canvas, re-vegetating it with the texture
k rye, blue lupines, legumes and simple hardy grasses. In 2002, Carolyn
aduate Student Assembly Conference Funds for her project, "Natural
n Yuen." She traveled to Thailand to help construct the country's first
he "Mun Yuen" who were creating a self-reliant co-operative adjacent to
d. This collaborative project moved toward a prototype for other
ng to live in harmony with nature. In our own environs, Matt Barton
h harmony, working to create children's recreational equipment that assists
ocal organic farm run by Mildred's Daughters.

ays exist in a larger context. Carnegie Mellon's strategic plan emphasizes
y inquiry and practice in the areas of information technology, bio-technology, the
nd the arts and humanities interface. The School of Art joins many units on
e environmental front, including the STUDIO for Creative Inquiry which has been
d pro-active in creative environmental initiatives such as Nine Mile Run Greenway
hree *Rivers/Second Nature* to name but two. The School also offers courses such as
al Sculpture and EcoArt and co-sponsors numerous environmental artist speakers
en and Newton Harrison and the collaborative group, PLATFORM. We look
further graduate and MFA alumni contributions toward this institutional, local and
rd!

Photo by Rob Kunkel

Do grades matter?

By Dr. Marjorie Hass
Provost of the College

I don't know many professors who enjoy the process of assigning grades to student work; yet all of the professors I know take the responsibility of assigning grades extremely seriously. Students too tend to take grades seriously -- worrying about them, striving for them and even sometimes cheating to receive unearned high grades. Most of the time we treat the grading system as though it were intrinsic to the very nature of teaching and learning.

Given the ubiquity of grades and their insistent presence in the midst of the student-teacher relationship, it is astonishing that while students and professors spend a great deal of time talking about a specific grade given to an assignment or a class, we spend very little time talking together about the practice of grading *per se*.

Moreover, it seems we often have divergent views about what a grade represents. Faculty members tend to see a grade as a measure of the quality of the specific pieces of work produced. Students, on the other hand, sometimes approach grades as though they ought to be measures of the effort a student put into the assignment or of the student's general knowledge of, or interest in, the subject being studied.

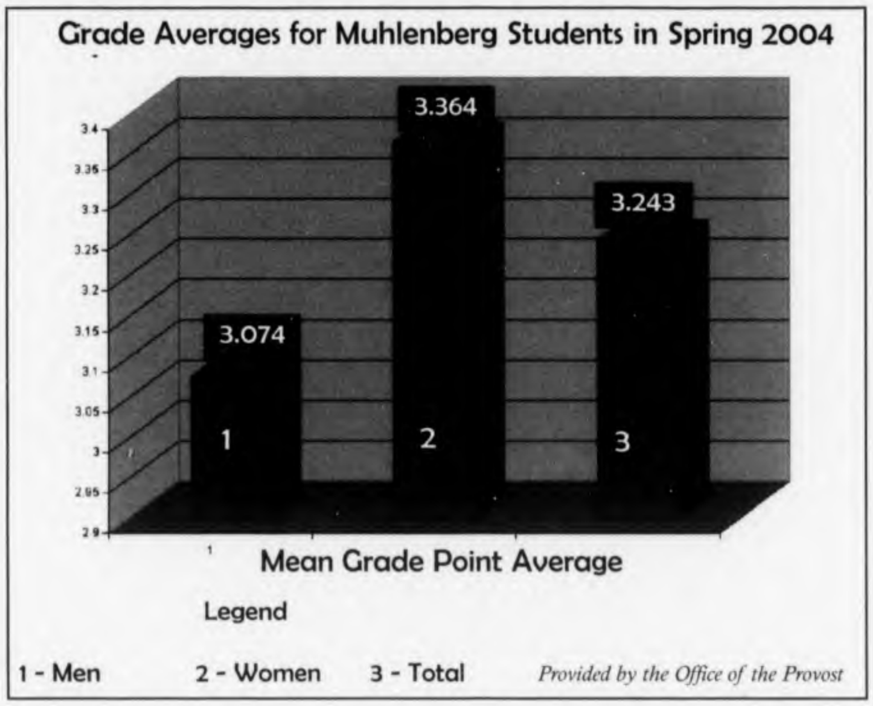
It is exciting to imagine a learning environment untainted by the pressures to give and to earn grades -- and in fact, students and faculty experience these ungraded learning encounters in many ways at Muhlenberg. Our actors do not receive grades for their performances on stage. Students in the Psychology Club are not graded for their participation in that activity. I don't grade the students I mentor to serve as tutors for my courses or the ones that show up in my office to talk about ideas long after their coursework with me has ended. In each of these cases students receive direct feedback about the quality of their work and they are able to absorb those messages and transform them into a desire to improve.

Within our formal classroom settings, however, grading remains the language of evaluation and academic achievement. Given the hold grades have on us, I would encourage open discussion of the principles that guide this important communication. We might frame the basic question as: What grading practices and principles would best contribute to learning at Muhlenberg?

I think grading contributes to learning when the grading standards and practices are clear, when faculty members design graded assignments that genuinely require relevant skills and knowledge and when students are motivated both by the hope of good marks and by a genuine desire to learn.

As we think about how grading functions, here are some questions to inspire discussion: What are the consequences of grade inflation for our institution? What is it besides grades that motivates student learning at Muhlenberg? What other forms of communication must accompany the assignment of a grade so that students are able to improve their work?

Grades matter -- thinking about grades matters even more.



Provided by the Office of the Provost

Liberal learning at Brown University

By Jonathan Warman and Evan Hammer
Students of Brown University

Brown University's combination of the pass/fail option, a completely open curriculum and a minimum of 30 course credits required to graduate is meant to facilitate a liberal learning environment that diminishes competition between students while fostering a sense of duty to one's own interests, regardless of ability in a particular area. Pressure to thrive according to a bar set externally is removed, placing the freedom to define success with the individual.

Photo By Rob Kandel

The problem, according to critics of the pass/fail theory, is that this shift of pressure from the external motivation inherent in receiving a grade to internal sources is ultimately detrimental to all students. Many students who may not be as motivated as others potentially damage the entire academic environment in certain courses.

For example, some uninterested students decide to take an Environmental Studies course pass/fail for the sole reason that it requires a group project designed by the students. When all is said and done, the students' lack of effort may affect the grades and potential workload of others in their respective groups, while generally contributing little to a class in which interested students expect to learn a great deal from their peers' efforts. Such situations are unavoidable in the presence of this option.

However, consider as well a drama student who has recently been in a musical theater production and thoroughly enjoyed it. Now he wants to pursue music theory in order to aid in future theatrical endeavors. However, a lack of background in a subject like music - a discipline that is often flooded by those with much greater experience - might discourage such a student from reaching out to broaden his horizons within his own discipline.

The pass/fail option allows students like him to enrich his academic program in a way he would likely fail to consider. Without the pressure to measure up to other potential music majors, the opportunity to study music theory and voice in an introductory class becomes available and encouraged. This free atmosphere exists in other disciplines, as well.

Perhaps more noteworthy is the Computer Science major who does not feel comfortable taking classes that assign a large amount of writing but is required to take one to complete her degree. She takes the class pass/fail and not only enjoys it immensely but also discovers that she can succeed in other writing classes. As a result, rather than succumbing to intimidation in an unfamiliar academic area, she decides to add English as a second major.

Although the potential, particularly because of the pass/fail option, exists for students who lack motivation to slip through the cracks, motivated students generally outnumber underachievers, and those who take advantage of these facets of the curriculum find that it adds a great deal to their education. The pass/fail option ultimately adds to one's learning experience by allowing one to explore different disciplines in a stress-free environment.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Allergy sufferer who detests chalk dust pleads to replace blackboards with white boards in classrooms.
page 3

Inside

Prank on Pub Night puts bad spin on a generally successful night. APD brought in to quell fight.
page 10

VOLUME CXXIV, ISSUE 4 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

Shankweiler to get facelift by fall 2006

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

With all of the new renovations being made to many of the buildings on campus, Science majors will not be left out.

A new addition to the Shankweiler building will be built with groundbreaking after graduation this May.

Four architectural firms were interviewed on campus several weeks ago, and each brought models and pictures of their different ideas to the College.

The firm Ballinger, based in Philadelphia, was chosen last week for the project.

The firm was recently involved in creating the science facilities at Gettysburg College and Hope College in Michigan.

The Strategic Planning Committee begun by President Helm last fall, which ran throughout the year, went through various proposals from faculty and other groups to determine what upgrades are necessary at the College.

"The group had to prioritize and allocate funds, and the sciences came out toward the top," said Dr. Bruce Anderson, Associate Professor of Chemistry.

"Renovations to the Shankweiler building were seen as necessary since prospective students may be lost to other schools with newer facilities," stated Anderson.

Anderson acts as the lead faculty individual for the planning and construction of the new Shankweiler building and the renovations to be done to it.

The executive committee and the decision-making group for the project

SEE **SCIENCE** | PAGE 5

Students robbed at gunpoint

By Michelle Sartor
Asst. News Editor

Many students at the College feel safe walking around alone, even at night. They may think twice about that belief now, however, after a recent armed robbery.

On Sept. 23 at approximately 12:07 a.m., two students were approached by three or four Black or Hispanic males in the alley between Leh and 22nd Streets. The men were armed with a handgun.

The suspects were approximately six feet tall and in their 20s. They were wearing dark clothes and baggy jeans along with hats and black hooded sweatshirts.

One of the students involved in the robbery described the attack. The students were walking up an alley to a house. According to the student, who wished to remain anonymous, the alley is well-lit and is used all the time by people who live on Leh and 22nd Streets.

After the suspects pointed a gun at the students, they put their heads down, did not make a noise, did not move and gave the suspects everything they had in their pockets.

The student said, "Living

SEE **ROBBERY** | PAGE 5

The Health Center, located in the new Life Sports Center, offers students free and anonymous STD testing.

Photo by Michelle Sartor

Health Center offers STD tests

By Jeremy Duncan
Weekly News Writer

Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) exist at college campuses nationwide. In an effort to keep the College's students well, the Health Center offers resources for students to get tested for STDs as well as other illnessses.

Sam Miranda, Jr., Director of Student Health Services, said one of the goals of the Health Center is to act as the primary care provider for students at the College.

Every ailment is treated, from sports injuries to viral and bacterial infections.

Care for STDs is also necessary on campus. Miranda confirmed the Health Center's "commitment to the health and welfare of the students" in dealing with STDs.

He also emphasized the confidentiality that is a key tenet of the College's STD testing and treatment process.

Most importantly, he wanted to make it clear that all students of the College have access to free and anonymous healthcare. He said, "A student has never been denied treatment because of money."

The College has a "strong, working relationship" with the Allentown Health Bureau.

In this "cooperative agreement," the Health Center does the initial screening and provides medicines such as antibiotics, but Miranda stressed that the Health Bureau is pivotal to the "continuous process" of treating an STD.

The Health Center performs STD testing for the students. If the tests come back positive, however, the students are sent elsewhere for treatment.

Both the College and the Health Bureau understand and designed their treatment processes to accommodate the privacy and comfort of the student.

According to Miranda, they provide assistance in a calm environment without passing judgment.

"[A student with] gonorrhea is treated like [a student with] mono," Miranda said, noting that STDs are a part of life and are treated here as such. He said, "They can happen to anyone."

No appointments are necessary at the Health Center. A student can walk in any time from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and always be seen by a licensed health care provider.

All treatments adhere to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. When a student goes to the Health Center, "no names are necessary," but at the Health Bureau, student's situations are always kept confidential but not anonymous.

SEE **TESTING** | PAGE 6

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

Underestimating the importance of labeling food is unacceptable

ANY EXCUSE GIVEN BY SODEXHO FOOD SERVICES FOR ITS FAILURE TO adequately label the ingredients of its food products is unacceptable. Labeling the ingredients of the food products we purchase on campus is not only important because we have the right to know what we are eating, but also because it could potentially save a person's life. On several occasions students have complained that they have eaten food products from Sodexho that contain ingredients to which they are allergic. Individuals have also been rushed to the hospital on several occasions to treat an allergic reaction.

One would assume that Sodexho would take these hospital visits seriously and improve their labeling system. However, up until this point there has been no stride made toward improving this system. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) carefully outlines in its requirements for labeling the ingredients of food products sold to the public. While this is a private institution, the College dining facilities host over 2,000 students. What reason does Sodexho have for ignoring FDA requirements as guidelines for the safety of students? Better yet, what reason does the College have for not intervening with Sodexho's negligence in labeling food products? Shouldn't the College and Sodexho look out for the health of its students?

While Sodexho has failed to provide customers with complete lists of ingredients in its products, it has equally failed to provide easily accessible nutritional facts. In order to foster healthy lifestyles on campus, students should be able to inform themselves of the nutritional facts of their food prior to ingestion. This may be important for a number of reasons, ranging from a student's personal preference to health issues. For the sake of anyone who chooses to eat on campus, it is important that diners are informed about the food options. Not only does this allow for those at the College to make informed choices, it also may prevent an easily avoidable tragedy.

Celebrity threats make ill voter campaigns

Jessica Katz
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

I just love all of these idle threats that people give so that we vote. My favorite so far is P Diddy's "VOTE OR DIE" campaign. He's got t-shirts, billboards, television promotions and oh-so-much more. I wonder: is P Diddy going to come to my place of residence with a shotgun and really shoot me? If so, then, man, I've got to get to the polls!

I do not have a problem with voting. In fact, I am very supportive of voting and getting your opinion out. It is everyone's right.

Or not.

My brother interned for *Good Morning, America* this summer, and one of the things the interns did was wear some of the "Vote or Die" shirts on air for a segment about P Diddy's campaign. I watched it to see my brother on TV, but when I witnessed P Diddy himself, I had to laugh. To every question that was asked about this huge campaign to get people out to vote, his answer was somewhere along the lines of "VOTE OR DIE" or "WE GONNA GET OUT AND VOTE THIS YEAR." That's about it. He did not give us a reason why he wants us to vote so badly, but he is apparently so interested in this country's political involvement that he is willing to threaten us all with bodily harm.

I also immensely enjoy P Diddy's partners in crime concerning this operation. Ludacris and Christina Aguilera have both come out to support Mr. Diddy's efforts and show that they, themselves, are voters. That's ironic because both Ludacris and Ms. Aguilera have never voted. Apparently, Xtina registered as a democrat but was too busy getting "dirrty" to get to the polls.

I do not have a problem with

SEE VOTE | PAGE 4

Letters to the Editor:

Athletes on a mission

To the Editor:

Since the time of the ancient Greek Olympians and the infamous Roman gladiators, the athlete has become a model of determination, pride and respect. In our modern-day society, the model of an athlete has further transformed into a national, as well as an international figure and icon. As the world looked on this August, the athletes of the 2004 Summer Olympics possessed the power for which many strive to attain, but few will ever grasp. For this short period of time, these athletes were able to use sports to bring together a world stricken with global problems; and for those few short weeks, the world received a glimpse of the power of athletics.

As Muhlenberg student-athletes, we have learned the importance of education, determination and responsibility. We have learned that Muhlenberg College strives to extend the knowledge of its students not only through the words of textbooks, faculty and educational speakers, but also through their involvement in the community. This year, we, the Muhlenberg Women's Basketball team, has stepped off the court to join with other athletes and students campus-wide in order to actively spread awareness throughout the Muhlenberg Community. With the creation of a new organization, Athletes Across the Atlantic, we have set out on a mission to spread the Muhlenberg tradition by actively addressing global issues that may directly or indirectly affect us on a daily basis. Through the support and direction of our advisor, Dr. Patricia McCrae of the Political Science Department, as well as additional faculty, we have been working hard toward promoting awareness as well as raising funds for major global issues such as Breast Cancer and AIDS which affect our world on a daily basis. Through athletics, we have learned the importance of resilience, responsibilit, and hard work, and this is our chance to use these traits to accomplish our goal of making a difference.

But remember, you don't have to be just an athlete to get involved in Athletes Across the Atlantic. It's your turn to make a difference and we need your help.

--Lindsay Orosz '06
and Stephanie Coluccini '06

Vote or be drafted

To the Editor:

Young people have always wanted respect and acknowledgment. You haven't earned it.

Historically, young people have the worst voter turnout in the nation. In 2000, only half of you had registered and only a third of you who registered bothered to vote.

According to U.S. Census Data, you represent about 13 percent of potential voters, yet you seem satisfied accepting only 4.5 percent of the voting clout.

Perhaps an appeal to self-interest will impress upon you the importance of voting. At this very moment there are twin bills in Congress, S.89 and H.R.163, which if passed, will reinstitute the draft. The bills, currently in committee, would require mandatory two year service "in furtherance of the national defense and homeland security," of all Americans between the ages of 18 and 26. There will be no college deferments.

If the U.S. continues its current program, you will be spending junior year abroad catching bullets in Baghdad.

You DO have a say in this. All you need to do is register, vote and get your friends and family to vote.

--Daryl Altman
& Rob Shepard
Lynbrook, New York

~~For Sale~~

1995 CHEVY LUMINA
67,000 MILES
DARK GREEN
1 DRIVER
MAINTENANCE RECORD CAN BE REQUISITIONED
$4,500.00

610-393-6092

Tragedy can strike in the midst of fun

Kate Arney-Cimino
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

There was a freshman named Gordon Bailey, Jr. Needless to say, he was from Texas. He was known for wearing cowboy boots and playing his guitar in the hallway of his freshmen dorm. Everyone called him Bailey. On Sept. 16, he found out that he was one of twelve freshmen who made the club lacrosse team. Later that afternoon, he got a bid from Chi Psi, the most popular fraternity on campus. Their house resembles a southern mansion with ostentatious white pillars out front and throws the loudest, wildest parties on campus.

That night, he attended an initiation ceremony up in the foothills. There were 26 pledges, and they were given ten bottles of whiskey and beer as a chaser. They were told that they could not leave the mountains until they finished. They finally finished and returned to the Chi Psi house on campus to celebrate with more alcohol. Bailey and another pledge passed out on some couches in the library of the house. Their new brothers were kind enough to place buckets by the beds so they would not have to get up to vomit. They were also considerate enough to check on Bailey and the other pledge throughout the night. They were both breathing. Early the next morning, a brother saw that Bailey had rolled off the couch onto the floor face down. He called 911, and Bailey was found dead.

This happened at the University of Colorado in Boulder (CU), a "top-ten party school," where the Greek life flourishes. It thrives above academics and owns the social life on campus. Since CU Boulder is not very academically oriented, students can pledge as freshmen.

Luckily, Muhlenberg has saved its freshmen from this "task" of pledging until sophomore year, possibly because Muhlenberg is more academically oriented than CU. Perhaps the school also recognizes the importance of giving first-year students a year to get their feet underneath them before they decide to make a life-long commitment to letters.

I do not know if this story made national news because of the fact that a young boy is dead or because he died in relation to fraternity activities. I believe it is the latter. The story is a good news story, and people will soak it up just like I did. A boy died doing some ritual that hundreds of boys had done before him. This was some secret ritual that only this closed society knew about—except that now everyone knows because it is out in the open, and the mystery of pledging, at least at this fraternity, is no longer a mystery.

We love secrets just so we can keep them long enough to tell someone else (but don't tell anyone I told you). The secret of pledging is just like that, except the secrets are kept better than any other secrets. As a result, the mystery lives on, and Bailey is dead.

There are pledging myths and secrets at Muhlenberg, such as the infamous elephant walk and other humiliating acts. However, since the administration tightened up on pledging by outlawing hazing, we are assured that none of this goes on anymore. This is good because it would not be worth the death of a pledge for the College to wind up on the six o'clock news.

I'm sure if a death occured in a similar situation at the College, actions similar to those taken on the CU campus would follow. CU searched the entire Chi Psi fraternity, finding alcohol receipts, pledge manuals and other things to put together a case against the fraternity. Also, CU banned all fraternity and sorority functions for a week.

SEE **BAILEY** | PAGE 4

Allergy sufferer suggests white boards

Amy Cookson
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Last Monday, I spent a sizeable portion of my day in the Health Center and a local eye doctor's office. I was informed that the burning, stinging sensation in my eye was a symptom of "acute allergies."

This past summer my mother and I determined that my primary allergens are pet hair and dust, and that my allergies are further aggravated by the weather. Apparently, this part of Pennsylvania would have been more appropriately named "Allergy Valley" than Lehigh Valley.

> *I was informed that the burning, stinging sensation in my eye was a symptom of "acute allergies."*

About.com revealed the following: "An allergy is an abnormally high sensitivity reaction to an ordinarily harmless substance. The immune system of an allergic person reacts when an allergen is absorbed into their body, [by] treating the substance as a harmful invader...When this occurs it causes the body to release histamine, which can cause allergy symptoms such as watery eyes, itching, sneezing or a runny nose." This explains why other people may simply sneeze, or not even notice the dust, while my eyes burn and water.

The best way to prevent allergies from acting up is to avoid the allergens. This is difficult when you are bothered by dust, as I am. I can't avoid classrooms on a daily basis because the chalkboards bother me. Nor can I completely avoid Parents' Plaza, Land of the Smokers, or as I have come to know it, Hell at Noon; cigarette smoke can aggravate allergies, and I have never had a high tolerance for smoke.

However, as I sat in class warily eyeing the chalk dust around me, I thought of a high school classmate who was asthmatic and had a number of severe allergies. I'm sure there were several reasons my school switched from chalkboards to dry-erase whiteboards, but I've no doubt my classmate was at the top of the list. We couldn't eliminate all dust from our school, but we could eliminate the chalk dust.

Since I now find myself in a similar situation, I wonder why

SEE **ALLERGIES** | PAGE 4

Do you think Puff Daddy is a cooler name than P. Diddy?
Do you have better things to think about?
Write for Op/Ed!

Contact Amy Cookson
x4023

ARCact@aol.com

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Managing Editor
Ben Veghte, Asst. Managing Editor

OPEN, News Editor
OPEN, OP/ED Editor
John Dunphy, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
Julie Strasser, Focus Editor

Rob Kandel, Photography Editor
OPEN, Design Consultant
Dan Isanuk, Business Manager
Michelle Quirk, Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, Asst. News Editors
Amy Cookson, Max Lux, Asst. OP/ED Editors
OPEN, Asst. Life! Editor
Robin DeCicco, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Johnny Canneto, Asst. Business Manager

Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Sveta Shah, Chrissy Culotta, Copy Editors
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104

Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187
E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2004. All rights reserved.

VOTE

FROM PAGE 2

voting. In fact, I am very supportive of voting and getting your opinion out. It is everyone's right. However, I do not feel compelled to vote just because P Diddy walks onto my television wearing a shirt that says "VOTE OR DIE," even if it is one stylin' piece of luxury couture.

I wonder what Mr. Diddy's motivation in this whole campaign is. I mean, it must give him great exposure for any new spin-offs or future episodes of his thrilling MTV reality show, "Making the Band." The new clothing line, including black t-shirts with white writing on them reading "VOTE OR DIE," are giving the man some nice pocket change. In addition, I would bet the constant television appearances aren't hurting the record sales.

So, Mr. Diddy, do you have a strong political view? What's in it for you if people vote? We're all in it for ourselves, right?

I wonder if the Bush or Kerry campaign is paying Mr. Didderoo under the table for every hundred people he gets to vote. "And tonight on your local news. . .P DIDDY JUST GOT ALL OF COMPTON TO VOTE, AND BUSH IS TAKING HIM OUT FOR A NICE TURKEY DINNER," or not.

So when you go to the polls, take this into consideration. Do you know anything about the candidates? Do you agree with their views on the issues that are important to you and the country as a whole? Or are you just there because P. Diddy threw you in a van and made you sign your name in blood?

So, as this election comes closer and closer, I call out to you, the College Community, to stay informed about what's going on in the world and read about the candidates. Don't just vote because MTV tells you to. This is J Kiddy signing off.

ALLERGIES

FROM PAGE 3

Muhlenberg classrooms contain chalkboards rather than whiteboards. 'Richard Begbie, the Assistant Director of Plant Operations, explained that blackboards have been around forever and that some faculty request blackboards. He mentioned the science departments in particular prefer blackboards. He explained that although there is not a big difference in price between a blackboard and a premium whiteboard, whiteboards do not hold up as long as blackboards. Whiteboards can be harder to clean than chalkboards, especially if people use permanent markers rather than dry erase markers on the boards.

I, however, cannot be the only one at Muhlenberg who suffers in Allergy Valley. Whiteboards would benefit us all. I cannot speak to their endurance, but I can suggest supplying. the janitorial staff with nail polish remover, which is the miracle cleaning liquid we use in the dorms to clean the whiteboards on our doors. Begbie questioned the affect of chalk dust on people with allergies compared to simply being outside. Perhaps there is not a greater effect, but we can't do anything about the pollen count. We could eliminate the chalk dust.

On another note, we are taught to see the world in all its complicated glory. We don't live in a black and white world. Surely the multitude of colored markers available would help underscore the complexity better than white chalk on a blackboard. Would such an understated change have any effect on our perspective? Probably not, however, I can speak from experience when I say that it is a lot more fun to write on the board and take notes when there is color involved. The world in general is more pleasant, and Rainbow Brite and the Color Kids would support that claim.

Perhaps in the long run the costs outweigh the benefits of replacing the chalkboards with whiteboards. I think it is a proposal worth considering. Either way, I'm thankful that the Health Center provides generic allergy medicine free of charge.

BAILEY

FROM PAGE 3

This simply means that everything is done in secret so that if more of these drinking rituals were to take place, it would be harder for people to find the "drink until you die pledges."

There is no way to stop the pledging, and there is no way to stop the fraternity unless you give each Greek member their own personal police officer to make sure they aren't going to any secret underground meetings. This, of course, is impractical.

I think the only warning to pledges at this college and at every college during this time is to consider what immense power the fraternity had over Bailey to make him want to consume enough alcohol to kill himself. Actions have consequences, sometimes dangerous and irreversible consequences. Even though none of this goes on at Muhlenberg, pledges everywhere should be careful. Letters are not worth a life.

I don't believe anyone thinks they are, but I think we all get wrapped up in events and can forget that one of our greatest responsibilities is to take care of ourselves.

The only way this tragedy could possibly be more depressing or more horrific is if we learned nothing from it. Bailey will never again be found in his hallway, strumming his guitar.

Prank elicits thoughts of Maslow and materialism

Max Lux
Asst. OP/ED Editor

Around four o'clock on Sunday afternoon, I arrived back at my room, tired, haggard and needing a nap. After relaxing for a few minutes with my friend, I decided to venture into my room to sleep. That's when I opened the door and found everything gone. Not just my little trinkets or action figures lining my desk, but everything: the bed, my computer and basically every earthly possession I had brought to college. Needless to say, there was a fairly loud, angry outburst emanating from the Hillcrest house for a little over twenty minutes.

Three hours later, after rummaging through over four buildings all across campus, following rhyming clues set in place by the mystery perpetrators, I sat, surrounded by my friends in my newly-restocked room. It had all been an elaborate prank, it seems, taking weeks of planning and involving basically everyone I know. My stuff had always been safe, just moved, and watched by a person or two, to ensure it wasn't stolen or damaged.

What was the reason for this apparently random outburst of creative mischief? What had I done to incur such interesting wrath from my friends? According to them, it was a mixture of little things done over time and built up to a large level, so irritating and minutely annoying that action had to be taken. Neglecting to wash my clothes, letting dust accumulate on desktops and making stupid comments about politicians and the like, when combined, are apparently enough to warrant drastic action.

Everything turned out okay in the end, but it got me thinking about the incredible value material items have in our lives. For a society that is one of the richest in the world, we do not reflect upon what is actually needed in life.

Instead, perhaps we should refocus on the Maslow Hierarchy of Needs, psychologist Abraham Maslow's interpretation of needs. We begin with the physiological needs: air, water, food, activity, rest, ridding the body of wastes, avoiding pain and having sex. The next level is safety and security, which should be self-explanatory, followed by feelings of love and belonging and self-esteem.

Maslow believed a person could not work toward the next level before meeting needs of the lower level, i.e. water before food, air before water.

So the next time your material possessions are gone, take a deep breath, be sure your thirst and hunger needs have been met, and look at the situation as an opportunity for activity before a well-deserved rest.

ESSAY CONTEST 2005

THE ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS

SUGGESTED TOPICS

How is ethics a source of hope, and hope a source of ethics?

Examine the ethical aspects or implications of a major literary work, a film, or a significant piece of art.

What is terrorism and what is the ethical response to it?

Reflect on the most profound moral dilemma you have encountered and analyze what it has taught you about ethics.

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 3, 2004

ELIGIBILITY: FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE JUNIORS AND SENIORS DURING THE FALL 2004 SEMESTER

Students must complete an Entry Form along with their Faculty Sponsor. Any interested professor may act as a Faculty Sponsor and endorse the quality and authenticity of the student's essay. In addition, students are asked to include a letter from their Registrar verifying eligibility.

FIRST PRIZE: $5,000
SECOND PRIZE: $2,500 THIRD PRIZE: $1,500
HONORABLE MENTIONS: $500 EACH

Contest entry form, detailed guidelines and further information are available online at **www.eliewieselfoundation.org**, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics
The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity
529 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1802
New York, NY 10017

Telephone: 212.490.7777

ROBBERY

FROM PAGE 1

in the Muhlenberg bubble does not protect against outside violence."

The Allentown Police Department (APD) was notified of the incident and assisted Campus Safety in checking the area that night. This incident is still under investigation.

"Students should be aware of their surroundings and call any suspicious activity in immediately."

Ken Lupole
Director of Campus Safety

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, said extra patrols are currently in place in response to the armed robbery.

Students did feel a greater presence of law enforcement on 22nd Street in the days following the attack.

According to Audrey Daggan '05, "I noticed more Campus Safety vehicles and APD police cars on 22nd Street two days after I heard about the incident."

Lupole encouraged students to walk around in groups or to use Campus Safety's escort service instead of walking somewhere alone.

Students can call Campus Safety and an officer will go to their location and make sure they return to their residence safely.

Toni Scott '05 lives on Liberty St. about a block away from where the armed robbery occurred.

She said, "For the first time I'm concerned about my safety in Allentown and on and around Muhlenberg campus. This is just a reminder that we need to be more cautious."

Lupole also said, "Students should be aware of their surroundings and call any suspicious activity in immediately to Campus Safety or APD."

UNDECLARED
UPPERCLASS
STUDENTS

Know what major you want to pursue?
Considering several options?
Unsure?

It's time to decide!

See your first-year advisor
and declare your major

Major Declaration Period
October 11th through
October 22nd

Don't Delay—Declare Today
Watch your campus mailbox for details.

SCIENCE

FROM PAGE 1

include Randy Helm, President of the College, Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College, Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer, James Steffy, Planning Consultant and Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, Associate Professor of Biology.

There is also a divisional committee of faculty in which all departments are involved in the planning.

"The executive committee definitely wants input from faculty and students as to which architectural plan will be well-liked," said Anderson. "The executive committee makes the ultimate decision."

A planning consultant was brought in from Boston at the start of the project last year to discuss the growth that the science program might experience in the near future.

The consultant brought certain issues to light such as what sort of labs for the space were desired.

"We definitely would like to see our Neuroscience and Environmental Science programs expanded," said Anderson. "Ultimately, new faculty will be hired to expand the sciences."

Conversely, duct work, new floors, new labs and a new computer lab were already recently completed in Trumbower.

"Shankweiler has not had much work done," said Anderson. "It needs a new roof and duct work."

New space will be created for research and teaching in Shankweiler. Anderson said, "The question is, where do we build new space?" There have been several ideas posed as to how to add to Shankweiler.

At first, there was an idea to connect and fill the space between Shankweiler and Trumbower; however, because this area is rather dark, the idea may not be used.

Another idea was to make the addition to Shankweiler off of the west end of the building at the corner near Taylor Mall.

"We want to make the science buildings bright and welcoming so that people will want to be there."

Dr. Bruce Anderson
Associate Professor of Chemistry

The idea would also involve re-landscaping a new quad area there.

"This would upgrade the area and make a positive change to the area," said Anderson.

Another option would be to add to the building out of the back end and extend it toward Walson Hall.

Problems with this idea include that again, no natural light would get into the building and the science building would not want to encroach on Walson Hall.

Plans for the new Shankweiler space include the placement of several interactive areas where students can sit and talk with professors. Whiteboards will be at the location to provide another place for studying or gathering.

"We want to make the science buildings bright and welcoming," said Anderson, "so that people will want to be there."

The architects will also attempt to connect the science buildings at multiple floors. How this will be done is still being discussed.

As it exists currently, the middle walkway will be renovated. The museum and the remainder of the space will perhaps be used for office or meeting areas.

"We need a better connection between the two science buildings, especially for collaborative research," said Anderson. "We would like to see a front door on Shankweiler to provide a front door to the sciences as well."

The renovations and new building will be made with the environment in mind.

"We want to make the new spaces Green Buildings, meaning that the building materials will be recycled or from regional suppliers," said Anderson. "In addition, the buildings will be energy efficient."

The renovations should move quickly, as the architectural firm was hired and will be on campus at the end of this week.

They will be talking to faculty and planning the process. "We need to find out how many new labs we need and where they will go," said Anderson.

Renovations to Seegers Union will be taking place concurrently to minimize the disruption felt on campus.

Both projects are set to start next summer, but Seegers is planned to be finished in December of 2005. "Seegers will be completed faster since it is a smaller project," said Anderson.

During the building of the new Shankweiler space, the existing space will be used as much as possible. "Optimistically, the new space will be completed in Fall of 2006."

Following completion of the new space, renovations will be done to the rest of Shankweiler.

"The speed and extent of the renovations is unclear at this point. Perhaps the renovations will be made floor by floor over the course of several years," said Anderson.

"We definitely would like to see our Neuroscience and Environmental Science programs expanded."

Dr. Bruce Anderson
Associate Professor of Chemistry

The goal for the project is to break ground immediately after graduation.

The museum that currently exists between Shankweiler and Trumbower will be torn out this summer, without the usual amount of students around.

Anderson said that the College has commitment from the architects to complete the project as soon as possible.

"We have high hopes for the project," said Anderson.

New community service log available

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

With the great number of community service projects on campus, students may lose track of the time they spend on these activities.

The Office of Community Service has developed a new system for logging in community service hours. In keeping volunteer logs, a database will be created of all of the volunteers and their hours.

The purpose of the log forms is two-fold. Lindsey Knepp, Assistant Director of Community Service, explains the first goal of the forms: "[The forms are] especially helpful for students who will be applying for jobs or graduate school."

"[Students] can see how many hours were completed at the various activities they participated in and easily transfer those to applications," she explained.

The second goal of keeping the log forms is to provide the Community Service office with hard data to use in applying for grants.

In this way, funding for various activities could be obtained by citing concrete data from the logs.

Students can access the reporting logs online through the Community Service website.

There are two forms located online: one for groups and one for individuals.

The group form is meant for organizations who might complete a one-time event.

"Sororities and fraternities can use this form to keep records of their activities," said Knepp.

In turn, individual forms are completely filled in by volunteers. "The forms are really easy to use," said Ryan Chapoteau '08.

In addition to accessing the forms on the web, paper copies can be obtained from the Community Service office.

The system of logging in hours was explained at a leadership training meeting for specific community service organizations.

In addition, Knepp sent an e-mail to all organizations located in the College handbook. This allows anyone interested in logging their hours to learn how to operate the system as well publicizing the new forms and their purposes.

The forms are open to any individual or organization on campus. "We encourage everyone to take advantage of this," said Knepp.

"We want students to be aware that the system is in place," said Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service.

The new record system is one of the many updates at the Community Service office this year. In addition to the forms, the space for the office has expanded downstairs in Seegers, allowing expansion of various Community Service organizations.

"SHARE [Students Have a Real Effect] is in its best year ever," said Lane. "We have a bus leaving campus everyday to head to multiple locations around Allentown."

Lane also noted that there are now over twenty-three trained America Reads tutors on campus.

An upcoming event from the Community Service office includes the Dance for a Cure which will take place for the third consecutive year in October. Proceeds over $3,000 have been donated to a different cancer agency each year.

Because of moneys received through the Mellon Grant, the Community Service office was allowed to take on Knepp as a part-time assistant for nine months.

This allowed the office to expand its programs.

"We're very excited about this project and our expansion," said Knepp.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
High: 77 Low: 49	High: 68 Low: 50	High: 69 Low: 46

TESTING

FROM PAGE 1

A pseudonym can be used if the student is not comfortable giving his or her real name.

There is much more to dealing with an STD than the initial screening.

According to Miranda, the follow up is very important both for the student and the rest of campus to control the spreading of STDs.

In addition to the open door policy, there are screening events on campus each semester.

The next event will check for blood borne diseases like hepatitis, AIDS and syphilis. It will be held on Oct. 7 at the Health Center.

If a student cannot attend the screening, private arrangements can be made.

The most important things, according to Miranda, are to keep students safe, to prevent the spread of STDs and to educate the campus as well as the caregivers.

Treatments and diseases themselves change over time, and to provide the best possible treatments, health care providers need to "stay abreast of new advances," said Miranda.

Only then can the Health Center "treat, educate, support and assist" the College Community.

Students are comfortable with the current process, according to Miranda, and have been very responsible in being checked.

Without giving any specific numbers, he said that "Muhlenberg College is no different statistically" than other schools or the general population. Genital herpes and chlamydia are the most common STDs.

Miranda suggests students visit the Center for Disease Control website for information on these and other diseases.

Miranda emphasized that any student who has any questions is strongly encouraged to stop or call by the Health Center.

"To maintain good principles of sexual behavior, we all need to deal with the problem of STDs by taking care of ourselves," stated Miranda.

> *"We all need to deal with problems of STDs by taking care of ourselves."*
>
> Sam Miranda,
> Director of Student Health Services

OFF CAMPUS

PREGNANT WOMAN SHOT; BOYFRIEND CHARGED

Allentown, Pa – Thomas Duane Taylor, 27 from Allentown, allegedly shot his pregnant girlfriend, Judy Johnson in the forehead at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The woman was taken to Lehigh Valley Hospital in Salisbury Township.

While the status of the woman's condition was not available Saturday night, Assistant Police Chief Ronald Manescu said that he did not believe that the wound was life threatening. Johnson is believed to be four to five months pregnant.

When police first arrived at the scene, Johnson denied involvement and said that another man had shot his girlfriend outside of the apartment they share at 384 Washington Street.

Neighbors said that the woman had lived in the house with her boyfriend for at least a year.

According to Johnson, she was shot in the head with a long-barreled gun from three feet away. Taylor was also charged with two counts of aggravated assault and one count of reckless endangerment and terrorist threats, in addition to attempted homicide.

NEW LAW TO SAVE ALLENTOWN MONEY

Lehigh Valley, Pa – Allentown officials have calculated that, within each of the next two years, a change to state pension laws will save the city approximately $344,983 in pension contributions.

According to Mayor Roy Afflerbach, chairman of the legislative committee of the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities, the new legislation will save millions of dollars for municipalities statewide.

In addition, the city is currently in a cash deficit and may need to raise property taxes in 2005.

The legislation was signed into law by Gov. Ed Rendell in July. It gives cities 30 years to pay back investment losses that had been acquired by pension funds in 2001 and 2002. The deadline for cities to apply for the relief is Sept. 30.

However, according to Councilman Louis Hershman, the legislation simply allows cities to spread the payments over more years, putting the cost burden on future generations of taxpayers.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

Food labeling concerns arise; Sodexho modifies dining options campus wide

By Michelle Sartor
Asst. News Editor

With new menus and food venue, Sodexho food services continues to evolve, though food labeling on the new and old foods has been inconsistent.

Within the first few weeks of the semester, students have encountered unlabeled ingredients that could trigger allergic reactions if ingested.

"I'm very aware of the fact that there are students and customers that are allergic to nut products and seafood."

John Pasquarello
General Manager of Sodexho

Amanda Phillips '05 experienced an allergic reaction to a peanut glaze on a comestible in the Garden Room.

"Fortunately, I realized what I was eating in the beginning--otherwise I could have ended up in the hospital," said Phillips.

According to John Pasquarello, General Manager of Sodexho, foods that contain nuts and seafood are labeled. He said, "I'm very aware of the fact that there are students and customers that are allergic to nut products and seafood. We do have a system in place."

He admitted, however, that sometimes there can be a temporary lapse. He described a recent incident where a student suffered an allergic reaction after eating pancakes that contained peanut butter chips.

According to Pasquarello, a sign by the pancakes said they contained chocolate chips.

He said the employee made the additional pancakes with peanut butter chips to increase options for the customers, but failed to put up another sign with the nut content information.

In addition to labeling food to meet the needs of students, Sodexho has also made several changes to the food service areas at the College.

In addition to the existing dining services, the Powerhouse Café has been opened in the newly renovated Life Sports Center.

The Powerhouse Café is similar to Java Joe's because student meal plans are not accepted. Students can pay for their food using cash or flex.

According to Pasquarello, "In order to keep the cost of meal plans at the lowest possible price, we can't open up another venue with a meal equivalency program."

He said in the long run, offering the meal plan at the Powerhouse Café could cost students more money.

According to Pasquarello, the items sold on campus through cash and flex tend to cost more than those sold with the meal plans.

Pasquarello said the Powerhouse Café was patterned after Java Joe's, but takes it to the next level.

The Café, which Pasquarello said uses a "grab 'n go concept," offers sandwiches, salads, a variety of baked goods, soup and smoothies.

There have been changes made to General's Quarters (GQ) as well.

A burger shoot has been installed at the grill so students can get pre-made sandwiches without having to wait for their burgers or bagel bombers to be made in front of them.

Pasquarello said although this may mean a slight decrease in quality, employees know approximately when to put out the sandwiches without having them sit there for hours at a time.

The cash registers are equipped to tell when the most sales occur during the day, so during the most crowded times, the pre-made sandwiches can be distributed.

"In order to keep the cost of meal plans at the lowest possible price, we can't open up another venue with a meal equivalency program."

John Pasquarello
General Manager of Sodexho

Another new aspect of GQ is the Minute Meal Program. Minute Meals are made at GQ, then cooled and kept in the refrigerated section for students to buy.

They can then be heated in a microwave and are ready to eat.

The Minute Meals are popular according to Pasquarello. He said, "We can't seem to keep enough in stock."

Students may have

SEE **DINING** | PAGE 8

Distinguished speaker gives the skinny on men and fat

By Laura Russell
Asst. News Editor

Many people associate the issues of fat and body image with women, but Dr. Sander Gilman, renowned author and Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Medicine at the University of Illinois in Chicago, came to the College on Wednesday to discuss society's view of the fat male body.

Gilman's lecture entitled, "Fat Boys: The Unknown Story of Men and Fat" discussed how we live in a society where the "meanings of bodies affect the realities of bodies."

According to Gilman, while the idea of the fat body is most often associated with women today, the male fat body was the focus for over 3,000 years.

Gilman went on to question the World Health Organization's (WHO) definition of obesity as a disability.

Impairment is said to be the abnormal structure or function of an organ or organ system, while disability is the functional result of the impairment, and handicap is the social consequence of the disability.

Gilman questioned whether obesity is the result of impairment or an impairment itself.

He went on to propose that perhaps impairment begins with the mind, thus questioning whether obesity's subsequent definition as a mental illness would qualify it as an addiction.

He then posed the question as to whether obesity could be likened to lung cancer because the individual voluntarily consumes harmful substances.

Gilman went on to define obesity and masculinity through the life of the first modern fat man, William Banting, who provided the first autobiographical account concerning the battle with obesity.

According to Gilman, "if obesity is very slippery as a concept, then masculinity is equally as slippery."

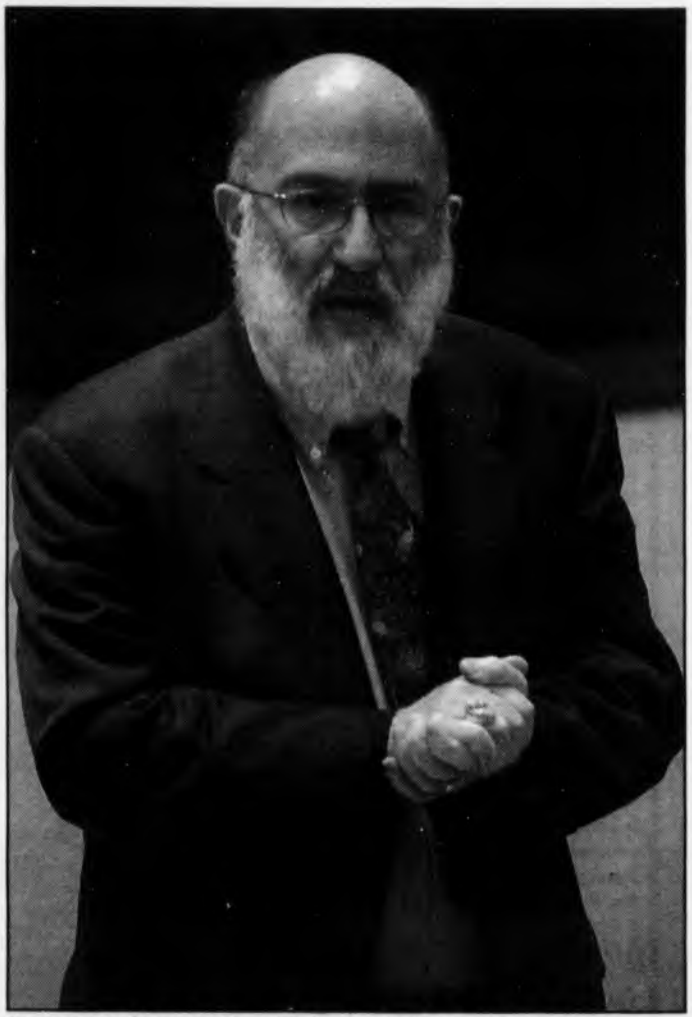
The fat male negates notions commonly understood of what a real man is supposed to be."

Gilman stated that a real man has both an abstract and a concrete history, following this with the comment, "The normal male was invented first in law as the reasonable man, and it is the reasonable man who is the benchmark for masculinity and rationality."

According to Gilman, rejecting food is seen as a sign of bodily control in western thought and obesity is seen as the new epidemic.

He questioned the role of obesity as the new epidemic, and whether it is defined as such because it is frequent or because it has a single

SEE **SPEAKER** | PAGE 8



Dr. Sander Gilman gives his presentation on how obesity is viewed by society.

Photo by Rob Kandel

DINING

FROM PAGE 7

noticed that GQ no longer offers kosher meals as part of the menu.

Pasquarello said Sodexho had a problem over the summer with the vendor that supplied the kosher meals, so the company no longer does business with that vendor. They are now looking for another vendor that can supply kosher meals.

Pasquarello said that they are looking at a local purveyor that deals with specialty products to see if they can start the kosher program again in GQ.

In the Garden Room, one of the biggest changes according to Pasquarello is that Sodexho is trying to promote a program where employees are more visible to students.

He also said that, although there is no longer a specific section of the Garden Room for vegetarian meals, there is always a vegetarian or vegan meal option. The difference is that it is located at a different station every day.

Pasquarello said that there has been a considerable amount of feedback from students at all of the dining facilities. He said this feedback is important because "that's how we go about making changes."

Pasquarello said this year is challenging with the opening of the Powerhouse Café. The staff of about 60 to 75 full- and part-time employees worked hard to make sure everything went smoothly.

He said, "I think we're successful because we have people who are dedicated and want to do a good job."

SPEAKER

FROM PAGE 7

cause.

Gilman asked whether it could be considered a disease at all. He illustrated the social stigma concerning obesity that existed in Banting's lifetime through the omnibus.

Gilman said anyone could ride the omnibus in England except Banting. "Not because he was too fat," said Gilman, "but because of the remarks that would be made."

In addition, in the obese man's eyes "any glance would be interpreted as staring at his odd-looking huge body," stated Gilman.

The stigma associated with obesity was the "morbid horror of corpulence," claimed Gilman.

At one point, Banting goes on the first "low-carb" diet and loses 35 pounds in one year, thereby allowing him to ride the omnibus because he is no longer considered a public joke.

According to Gilman, "Banting introduces the notion that fat has the power to deform the self because of the stigma that is associated with it."

Banting also introduces the psychological dimensions to his biographical account.

Still, other physicians at the time did not see obesity as a psychological condition, but rather a lack of will.

According to Gilman, men who are fat have a different function historically than women who are fat.

On the issue of the recent explosion of surgical interventions for obesity such as stomach stapling, Gilman sees it as the desire for men to be considered a "real man." Gilman said stomach stapling is not so much a cure as it is a "forced modification of behavior."

He said it is important to recognize that "there are real bodies in the world, bodies that get ill and fat, but it is impossible to view bodies without giving them meaning, meanings that are internalized and give meaning to who we are."

> *"Fat has the power to deform the self because of the stigma that is associated with it."*
>
> Dr. Sander Gilman,
> Distinguished Professor of
> Liberal Arts

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 20 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in Benfer Hall due to burnt popcorn.

Sept. 21 – Institutional Vandalism – The plastic cover over a fire extinguisher in the Life Sports Center was smashed.

Sept. 21 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in Prosser Hall due to burnt popcorn.

Sept. 22 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 407/409 N. 23rd St. Upon arrival, there was no hint of fire or smoke. It was determined that a fire extinguisher was knocked over and caused the alarm.

Sept. 22 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 415 Leh St. due to steam from the shower.

Sept. 22 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 414 Albright St. as a result of cooking.

Sept. 22 – Sick Student – A student's injury got infected. The student refused medical attention as well as transportion to a local hospital by signing a waiver.

Sept. 23 – Armed Robbery – Two students were victims of an armed robbery in the alley between Leh and 22nd St. The suspects were described as three to four Black or Hispanic males, approximately six feet tall and in their 20s. One individual had long bushy hair. They were wearing dark-colored clothing which included a hat, black hooded sweatshirt and baggy jeans. The suspects were armed with a handgun. The incident is still under investigation.

Sept. 23 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in the Life Sports Center due to dropped water pressure.

Sept. 23 – Theft – A student reported that he left his wallet on the C Level of the Trexler Library, and when he returned it was gone.

Sept. 24 – Student Harassment – There was a report of student on student harassment in Walz Hall. The matter has been referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 24 – Institutional Vandalism – A resident of Benfer Hall reported that when he awoke his window was smashed.

Sept. 25 – Institutional Vandalism – Tables that were set up in the East Hall Quad were vandalized, and chairs were stolen.

Sept. 25 – Disorderly Conduct – Toilet paper and paper towels were strewn about cars on the property of 2238 Gordon St.

Sept. 25 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in South Hall due to a burnt Poptart in a microwave.

Sept. 25 – Found Property – A bicycle was found by a Plant Operations employee on the north side of Brown Hall.

Sept. 25 – Vehicle Violation – According to a neighbor, two vehicles were parked in the 500 block of 24th St. for an extended period of time. Vehicles parked in the same spot for over 72 hours can be ticketed and towed.

Sept. 26 – Disorderly Conduct – Jonathan Lightcap was arrested and charged with public drunkenness as well as disorderly conduct for urinating in the 23rd Street and Gordon St. parking lot.

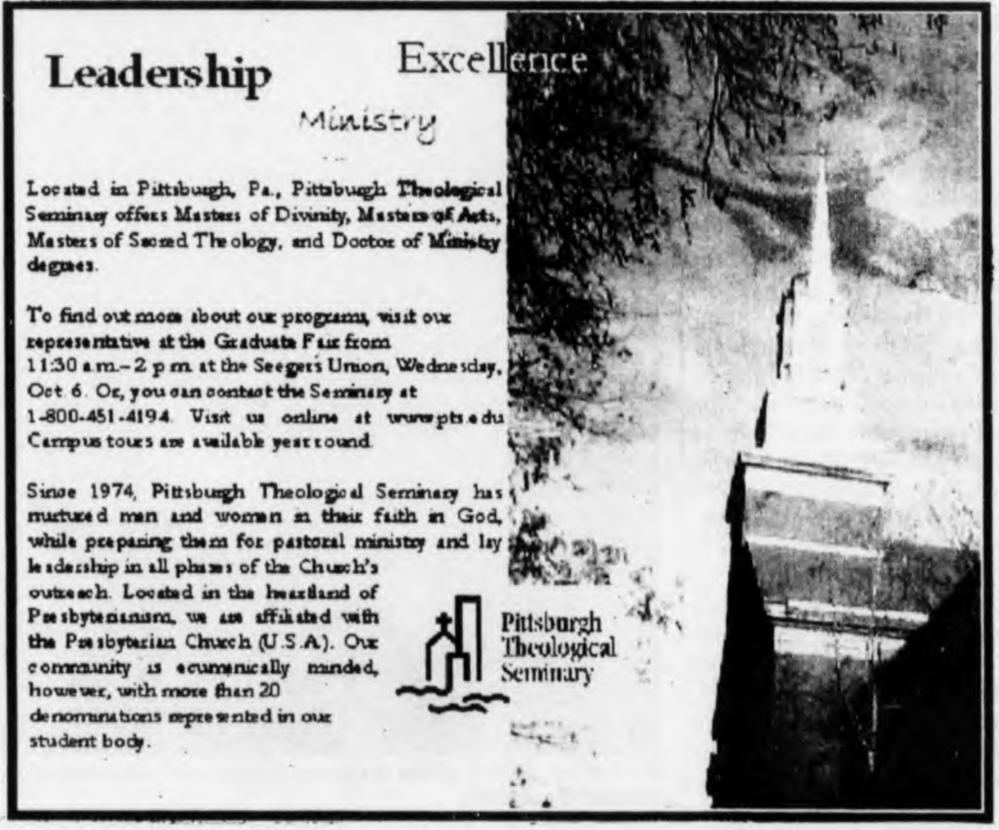
Sept. 26 – Hit and Run – A vehicle struck a parked car at the 500 block of Leh St. The vehicle left the scene.

Sept. 26 – Theft – A red rope, the purpose of which was to keep people off the grass in the East Hall Quad area, was stolen.

Sept. 26 – Noise Complaint – There was an unauthorized party with drinking games at 2147 Chew Street. Students were referred to the judicial process.

Sept. 26 – Injured Employee – A Wood Dining Services employee cut a finger. The employee was transported to a local hospital.

CORRECTION: The address for a noise complaint on Sept. 17 was listed as 439 N. 22nd Street. It was actually 439 N. 23rd Street.



Leadership Excellence Ministry

Located in Pittsburgh, Pa., Pittsburgh Theological Seminary offers Masters of Divinity, Masters of Arts, Masters of Sacred Theology, and Doctor of Ministry degrees.

To find out more about our programs, visit our representative at the Graduate Fair from 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Seegers Union, Wednesday, Oct. 6. Or, you can contact the Seminary at 1-800-451-4194. Visit us online at www.pts.edu Campus tours are available year round.

Since 1974, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary has nurtured men and women in their faith in God, while preparing them for pastoral ministry and lay leadership in all phases of the Church's outreach. Located in the heartland of Presbyterianism, we are affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our community is ecumenically minded, however, with more than 20 denominations represented in our student body.

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

WEEKLY
life!

"The answer to life's problems aren't at the bottom of a beer bottle; they're on TV."

-- Homer Simpson

Student acoustic show serenades students

By Jacqueline Starner
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

With the many rock groups and bands that the College entertains, it is easy to assume that in order to be successful as a musician on campus, you have to be loud and play electric instruments which deafen audiences. This was certainly not the case at the Student Acoustic Show.

On Friday night in the Martin Luther Underground, seven student performers entertained their classmates. With only a microphone and a chair, these musical performers poured their hearts and souls into the melodies that followed. The show ran from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and many students were present for the entire event.

Ryan Repash '05 kicked off the show, but because his set was relatively early for a Friday night many students missed a great performance. On stage, Repash goes by the name "Ryan Asher," his first and middle name. Although students may have missed this live performance, they can still hear him on their own. He has actually created a CD of his own songs, which is being produced by a studio in Allentown.

Dylan Moulton '05 took the stage a little after ten and played all original music. Moulton began playing guitar as a first-year at the College. He says that the reason for this sudden interest was because his roommate watched a lot of TV, and Moulton needed a hobby with which to entertain himself. Picking up the guitar just seemed right, and it wasn't long at all before he was writing his own songs and playing them for friends and family.

Moulton's songs cover a multitude of topics ranging from love to his experiences with a Russian stalker. On writing his original songs, Dylan says, "I focus on not writing another emo song. I want my emotions to show through my music without sounding melodramatic."

The only girl to perform that night, Liz Honan '07, started her set after Moulton had finished. Like many of the other performers, she played a mix of covers, including "Drive" by Incubus and "In Your Eyes" by Peter Gabriel. Even after her stunning covers, she played a grouping of her own songs.

As a seasoned performer at the College, Honan is really impressed with the opportunities she's been given to perform at the various venus that the College has. Honan thinks the Student Activities Council is doing a great job bringing culture to the campus and giving students as many chances to perform as possible.

After Honan, Kirill Meleshevich, a freshman and the youngest performer of the night, took the mic. He chose to stand, unlike his colleagues, and assumed a very "rock star-esque"

SEE ACOUSTIC
PAGE 11

Even as a first-year, Kirill Meleshevich amazed the audience with his acoustic rock feel.

PHOTO BY EMMA SANDERS

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT DO YOU NOT WANT TO HEAR AT THE PEARLY GATES?

"Just Kidding."

-Jenny Piersol '06

"Let's see...you'll be rooming with George W."

-Joseph Stefanelli '05

"Take a number."

-Matt Lundy '05

"Wrong way."

-Lynn Boyle '08
Nicki Sompolski '08

"What the heck are you doing here?"

-Danielle Marcantuono '06

COMPILED BY JOHN DUNPHY

Pub Night ends with pub fight

By Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

A night intended to be a celebration for seniors ended in violence at the first senior pub night of the year at Banana Joe's Night Club. Following the mass exodus of seniors from the bar at the end of the night, a car reportedly driven by an Allentown citizen hit a student in the parking lot.

Mike Mandato, Marketing and Entertainment Manager of Banana Joe's, was not at the scene at the time, but he did collect a recap from his employees who witnessed the fight. "From the story I collected, a group of kids in an SUV had struck a person in the parking lot," Mandato said.

Mandato further noted that from the stories he had collect from staff, after the individual was hit, he got up and "began to assault the driver [of the car]." Mandato said that his security staff watched the event take place and began to calm the situation.

He also explained that the security guards outside went over to the car and restrained the individual who was assaulting the driver.

After being restrained by Banana Joe security, the individual who had been struck by the car forgot about the fight with the SUV driver and proceeded to attack the security guards. "After our head of security restrained him, he tried to fight back," said Mandato.

Following the attacks from the individual against the head security guard, several other security guards assisted their colleague in restraining the individual. With so many security guards restraining one person, many at the scene questioned whether or not they were being excessive. Mandato stated, "Some people said it looked unnecessary."

Despite allegations that the security guards were too excessive in their restraint of the individual, Mandato insisted that their actions were justified. "The security guards are highly trained people," Mandato asserted. "Their job is to keep things toned down until they are resolved."

After Banana Joe's security team managed to restrain the struck individual, Allentown Police (APD) showed up to the scene. After being questioned and given the option to press charges against the driver, the struck individual declined to pursue further justice against the driver.

Audio *America* astounds

By Amy Cookson
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

"Classroom activities: develop a plan of succession in case your teacher is assassinated." This gem is read by Rob Corddry, one of the "correspondents" for *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart. Stewart, Corddry and company are the wizards behind *America (The Audiobook): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction*. As *The Daily Show* is a mockery of television newscasts, *America* is a mockery of school textbooks, complete with inventive chapter titles, such as "Congress: Quagmire of Freedom," chapter objectives ("compare and contrast the soulless, grey-faced bureaucrats of the Senate with the soulless, grey-faced bureaucrats of the House," or "meet, and immediately, dislike lobbyists") and the previously mentioned classroom activities and classroom discussion.

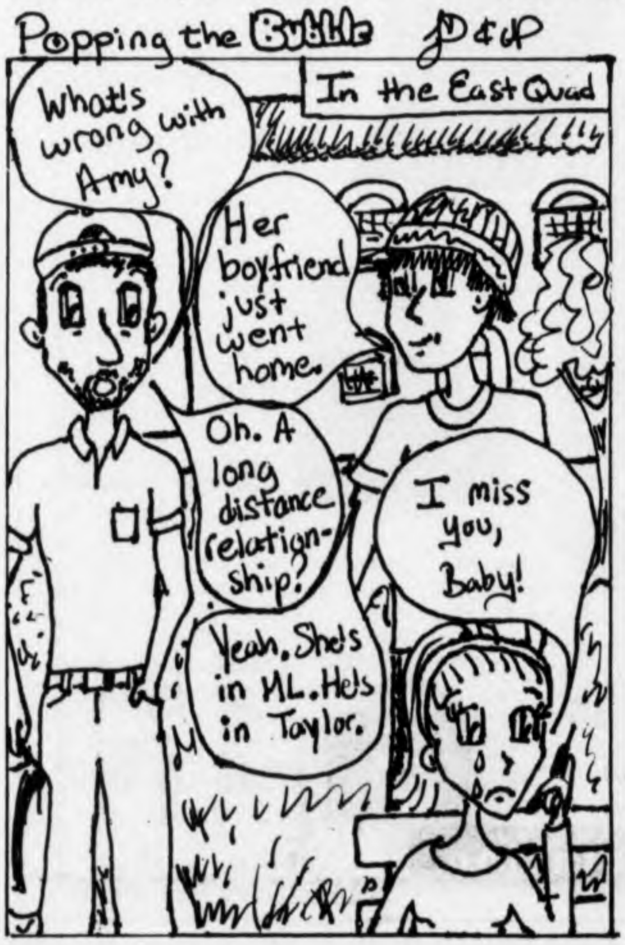
Even our venerable founding fathers are mercilessly mocked. However, Stewart and the gang are not mean-spirited with their barbs; they mock, but they inform, and they know their stuff.

It was once remarked that a person has to be smart to be a smart-ass. Stewart, Bee, Corddry, Stephen Colbert and Ed Helms know this; they have the intelligence to support their lampoons. They know ignorance is not funny, and it won't keep a listener laughing for four hours.

Stewart is the primary narrator, good news for those who worship the man and his genius--but the others have their own unique bits. Bee chimes in every few chapters with a segment entitled "Would you mind if I told you how we do it in Canada?" Corddry primarily reads the classroom activities and discussions in which he suggests teachers instruct their students to create an historically accurate, real-time reenactment of the Protestant reformation, thereby allowing the educator enough time to sneak outside for a smoke break. One has to remember that it's all in good fun.

A word of caution: there is no network censor beeping the language on the discs. The word that rhymes with cluck and its various forms can be heard occasionally, and the innuendos and wordplay are often sexual, but there's nothing that would shock a person who has moved through the average high school hallway. The language does not diminish the laughter in anyway, nor does it define the work. This is not the Sopranos audio book.

In a world that can be gravely serious and seriously scary, laughter is more important than ever before. It is true that laughter can aid creative thinking. Therefore, the next time you have to write a paper, begin preparing by listening to *America (The Audiobook)*. It's educational.


Popping the Bubble
JD&JP
In the East Quad
What's wrong with Amy?
Her boyfriend just went home.
Oh. A long distance relationship?
Yeah. She's in ML. He's in Taylor.
I miss you, Baby!

Think you know what's really going on and around campus?

Put your pencil where your mouth is!

We need **Writers, Assistants** and **Photographers**

Contact John Dunphy

ext. 5616

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Mr. 3000
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Cellular
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Ladder 49
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

First Daughter
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Forgotten
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Shark Tale
Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

Sky Captain
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Napoleon Dynamite
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

ACOUSTIC | FROM PAGE 9

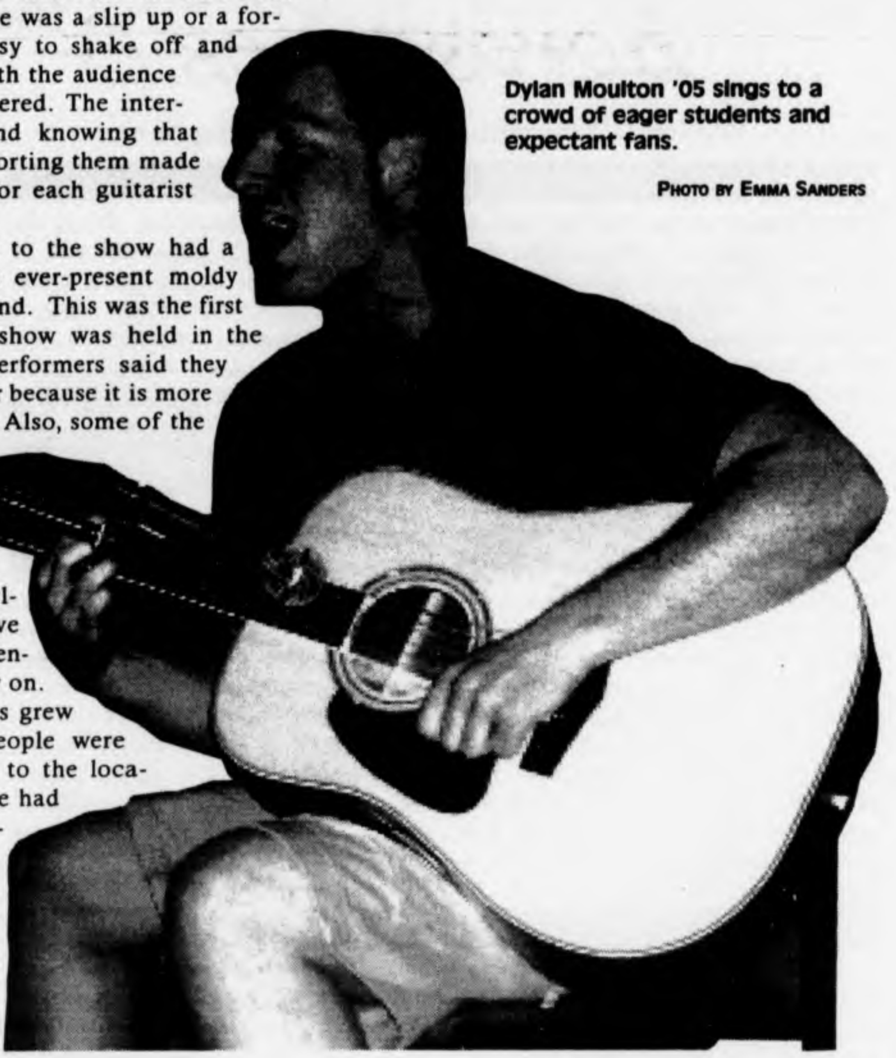
stance. By the time Kirill started playing, the Underground was packed. People just coming in had to stand or sit on the floor because all the seats were taken. Kirill said that he had told all of his friends to come and bring their friends, so quite a few first-years were in the Underground that night. Despite his relatively young age, Kirill has been performing for about five and a half years. He started out playing with a band in Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Erie, and he has been performing acoustically for three years. Although he is a first-year student, Kirill shows a lot of potential and will most likely be seen playing his own shows later. A lot of the freshman could identify with one of Kirill's original songs about finding his way in college called "New Beginnings."

Next, the only duo of the night, Mike Tenenhaus '07 and Brian Byus '07 gave a very energetic performance, and finally Bruno Wu '07 rounded out the show. Bruno was surprised that he was given an hour time slot as opposed to a half hour, but he didn't mind playing until one in the morning when all except his close friends had already left. He, along with the rest of the musicians, were there to have fun and to get their music out to an audience. Wu is also the lead singer in the band Shades of Blue and is in no way a stranger to the stage. Byus has his own performance experience as well, only his is more acting-based with his improv group, On the Spot.

Each new musician performed without a hitch. Because of the closeness to the audience, the performers were forced to see how the crowd was responding to their songs. Overall, the response was overwhelmingly in favor of the individual musicians. Even if there was a slip up or a forgotten lyric, it was easy to shake off and laugh at the mishap with the audience instead of getting flustered. The interactions were great, and knowing that their friends were supporting them made the experience better for each guitarist and singer.

Everyone who came to the show had a great time despite the ever-present moldy smell of the Underground. This was the first time this year that a show was held in the venue, and some of performers said they preferred The Red Door because it is more central to Campus life. Also, some of the freshmen didn't even know where the Underground was.

This lack of knowledge also might have been a factor in the attendance of the event early on. The number of students grew as more and more people were able to find their way to the location. Still, all who came had fun hanging out and listening to some entertaining acoustic performances from thier peers. No one, not performer or audience member left the show unimpressed.



Dylan Moulton '05 sings to a crowd of eager students and expectant fans.

Photo by Emma Sanders

Smokers have presence on campus:
The ash of America

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

There are many groups and clubs at the College, but one group that has remained consistent throughout the years and has stayed steady in numbers is one that will seldom be talked about. This group of students can be found outside of almost every building at almost any time of day. These people are the smokers of the College, and despite the smoke and ash, they are among the strongest groups in terms of purpose and goals.

Smokers on campus can not be denied. No matter what your personal opinion of these people may be, they have a definitive presence at the College. Due to the nature of the habit, however, smoking can either bring people closer together or can put them at odds with one another.

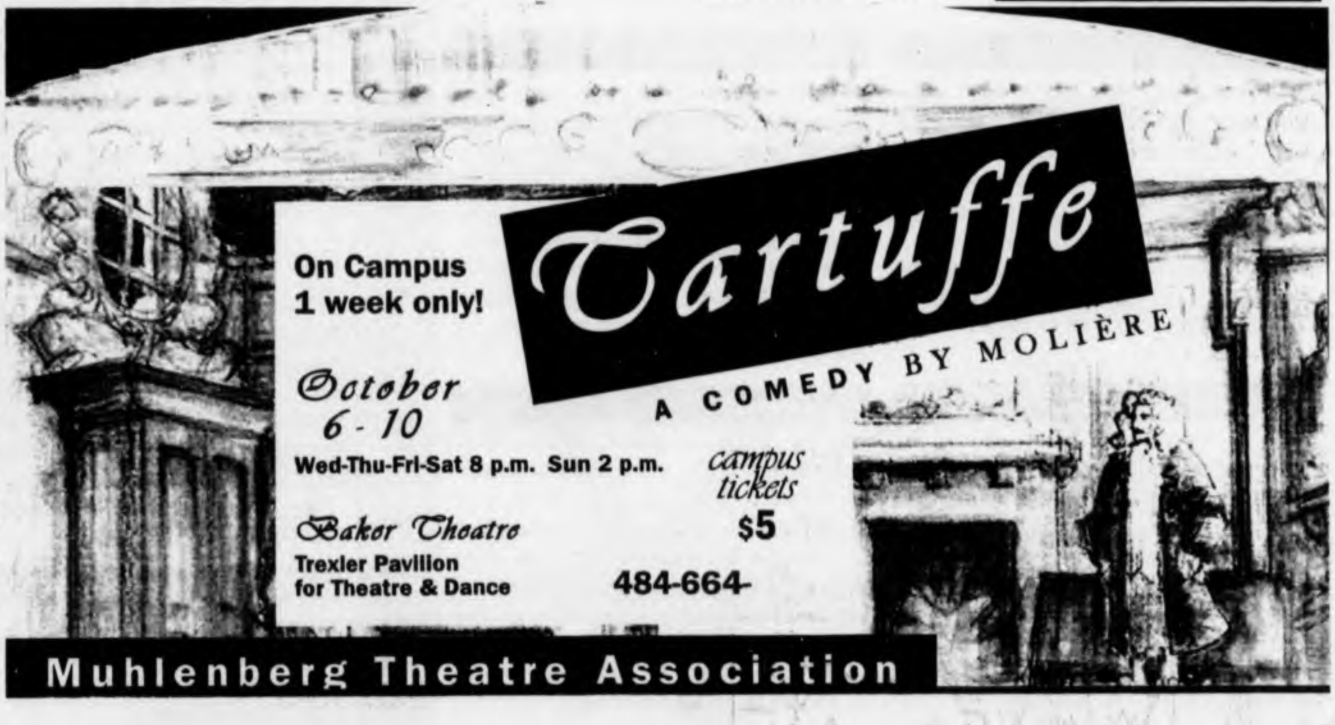
When first-year students come to the College, they socialize and fight to find their own distinct niches on campus; those who smoke almost instantly have a common bond with many upperclassmen as a well as faculty. On the complete opposite end of the spectrum, there are those that unite against smoking. Both of these philosophies play roles in who people meet on campus.

One of the things that the College boasts is the fact that the teachers take the time outside of classes to talk to students. Many of them do, and several of them even take this further by going out with their students and sharing a cigarette. Granted, the conversations may not necessarily be school oriented, but these conversations are fundamental in the growth of a student teacher relationship.

"Can I get a cigarette," is a common heard phrase around the College. Although it may be hard to believe that people would be willing to give away something that they buy on a regular basis, nine times out of ten the cigarette will be given. There is almost an understanding about smokers and the knowledge of need. It is a bond that is shared, and people who barely know

SEE SMOKE | PAGE 12

StudentCity.com
Spring Break
17 HOT DESTINATIONS!
Book Early & Receive:
Free Meals
Free Drinks
Free T-Shirt
Official Partner Of Maxim Break
CAMPUS REPS WANTED
Travel Free & Be VIP
1.888.Spring Break
www.studentcity.com



On Campus
1 week only!
Tartuffe
A COMEDY BY MOLIÈRE
October 6 - 10
Wed-Thu-Fri-Sat 8 p.m. Sun 2 p.m.
campus tickets
$5
Baker Theatre
Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance
484-664-
Muhlenberg Theatre Association

horoscopes

By Miss D'Vine with guest psychic *Finding Nemo*

Aries

"He shall be mine, and he shall be my squishy." Seems to me that you've been a little possessive lately. Sure you like him/her, but that doesn't mean you have to spend every minute together. When the amount of hours you see each other a day exceeds the amount of hours you spend in class...Wait, nevermind. That's totally normal. Squishy it is.

Taurus

"I'm H2O intolerant." You have more allergies than this campus has squirrels. It might be time to get your lazy bum up, head to you doctor and get some Allegra or at least take a nap and get some juice in you. Unless, of course, you like sneezing every time you walk down Academic Row. The red nose and the tissue permanently attached to your hand? Very sexy.

Gemini

"Fish are friends, not food." Ok, listen. It's great that you care about nature, and I'm sure the animals appreciate your vegetarian lifestyle. But, getting "Nader 2004" tattooed on your body and walking from your dorm to Wegman's is going too far and won't save anyone. Plus, it'll probably take it's toll on you. So, embrace the capitalist bit in you, Comrade, and eat that burger.

Cancer

"The question is Dory, are you hungry? Because you're about to eat my bubbles!" I actually wouldn't recommend you eat any bubbles this week. I also suggest that you avoid the Garden Room and steer clear of President Helm at all costs. Don't ask why, just do it. For your sake, for my sake and for the sake of the entire campus...maybe even the world (i.e. Lehigh Valley).

Leo

"Marlin, there are over 400 eggs, odds are one of 'em is gonna like you." That's right. Approximately 540 student in your class. That's 2,160 in the school. You've had over a month now, and if there isn't someone here that you think might be interested, I hear that they're making incredible advances with self-replication.

Virgo

"Oh, no hurling on the shell, dude, ok?" Sure it's Thursday night, but that is no reason to get excessive. Just spend the night indoors with a good book or something. That's part of going to college too. If you wanted to pay thousands to drink, then you could have just spent your time at home with even more alcohol. Actually, that sounds awesome!

Libra

"The tank is clean!" Yes, this is the expression that your parents will be giving you this homecoming weekend. Hopefully you have cleaned your living area, because no one wants to see your dirty laundry hanging from the ceiling. It's just not sanitary. I think I saw a sock move. Eww, it's touching me! Oh, and don't go to Moyer. I'll tell you why later.

Scorpio

"It has been three weeks since my last fish, on my honor, or may I be chopped up and made into soup." So maybe we won't go that far, but if you are trying to cut back on something, good for you. Nail biting, ear picking, anything that really annoys your roommate is a good thing to quit. Just make sure you annoy them really bad later on with something else to make up for it.

Sagittarius

"Dory. Dory. this is not 'whale.' You're speaking like 'upset stomach.'" Hey, foreign languages are hard. Whether you're getting your BA in it or just meeting a requirement, just suck it up and do it. There are just so many benefits to it. Sublime's "Caress Me Down" has so much more meaning if you actually speak Spanish. That alone is reason enough.

Capricorn

"What is it with men and asking for directions?" To the men, just buckle down, suck up your pride and ask already. She'll see that you are a goal-oriented person who wants to get somewhere in life. She'll also think it's cute that you buckled under. To the ladies, don't tell the men to ask for directions, just sit back and enjoy the extra hour or fifteen together.

Aquarius

"Look, you're really cute, but I can't understand what you're saying." Those looks aren't going to last forever. At some point you'll need to learn how to communicate with others to produce satisfactory ends. You will have to be clear and concise with your vocabulary. Until then though, live it up and just sit pretty.

Pisces

"Good feeling's gone." Those first few papers were not what Mom and Dad were hoping for. Sure you called and said you'd try harder, but school is tough. Don't you fret though. Midterms are coming soon, and your parents have no idea of the amount of pain and anguish they're about to endure. I'd call them soon to do the ground work.

SMOKE

| FROM PAGE 11

each other will begin to talk and converse while sharing a cigarette.

Any smoker on campus has their favorite place to indulge in the activity. Not a day goes by that a person isn't outside of Seeger's Student Union or standing in the tunnel between Martin Luther and East dormitories. The College has acknowledged the situation but has not put any spot off limits to the students aside from the buildings themselves. This has encouraged the free flow of conversation amongst many of the campus residents, and they enjoy the fact that they can stop anywhere for a quick smoke before class, lunch or any other event which they intend on pining. Students pass packs, "bum" cigarettes and even share the same one with each other as they walk up and down Academic Row. Even outside the Life Sports Center, cigarette butts litter the area around the doors and the stairs. Although not too many people would want to smoke before or after a health session for the sheer ridiculousness of it, there does seem to be a need for a recepticle in this particular area.

A major drawback to the freedom of smokers on campus is the abundance of cigarette butts that can be found all over the grounds. On every walkway and near every bench, there can be found at least four or five of the discarded smokes. This is in no way the fault of Plant Operations, it would simply be impossible to pick up every last one. There is no easy answer to the problem either. To say that students can not smoke unless around designated areas would put the many students that do at a great disadvantage. On the other hand, to put up oversized ashtrays at every bench and stairwell would create more of an eyesore than the cigarette butts themselves. There is no clear winner in either scenario.

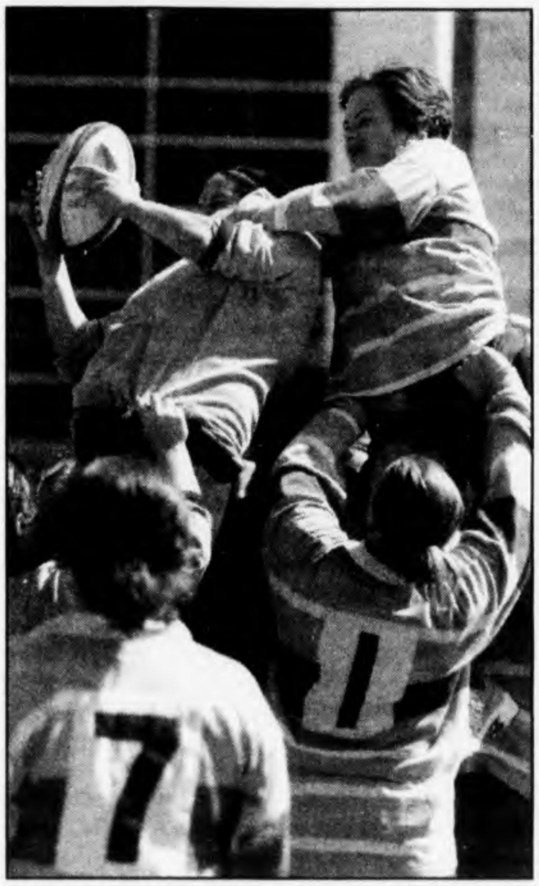
The way in which the College is currently handling whatever smoking problem there may be is by putting cigarette bins in places where smokers usually get together. These bins planted around the grounds are a way for the school to say that they are not ignorant of the problem.

Every year, the campus includes itself in the nation-wide "smoke out." This is the day when smokers everywhere are asked to quit for the duration of one day. The thought is that, after one day, many smokers will go on to continue to abstain from smoking. During the week prior to this event, there are many anti-smoking ads, as well as clear canisters filled with the discarded cigarettes of the smoking members of the campus.

There is no denial that smoking is a dangerous habit. It is a fact that cigarettes are addictive, and it is a fact that they increase the risk of cancer by a severe amount, yet despite these facts and figures, smoking remains to be a common activity of many members of the Campus Community.

LIFE! EDITOR'S PICKS OF THE WEEK

VIDEO GAME	***The Sims 2*** The second actual game in this trendy gaming genre. Not only do you control your own group of people now, but you can pass on you character's genes during conception. Also, by constantly monitoring your character's actions, you can create fears and dreams for them throughout the game. Neverending interactive fun.	***The Editor Says:*** No. Just no. It's one thing to create a character and be someone else. But to actually have genetic traits that you pass to your kids in a video game? Put down the game and find a girl that isn't 2-D.
MOVIE	***The Little Shop of Horrors (1960)*** Seymoure Krelborne can't get a break. He loves a girl who loves a sadist, his boss is a cheapskate, and all he wants is a little time to spend with his plants. Suddenly, he's getting everything he wants: fame, fortune and the girl. But is it really him, or is it because of some weird plant with mind powers?	***The Editor Says:*** The newer one was good, the first one was better. This amazing cult classic is the reason that the entire LSoH fad began. Hilarious and yet, very, very sad.
CD	***Everybody Loves a Happy Ending*** Tears for Fears Back from 1989 and with a vengeance. The group has reunited to create this brand new album for your listening pleasure. The single "Call me Mellow" says it all as they take a path back to good ole fashioned rock.	***The Editor Says:*** It's not bad. I'm not running to shelves or anything, but it's not bad. If you like the Beatles and music of the days of true rock-and-roll, then I suggest picking it up.
BOOK	***The Plot Against America*** by Philip Roth Many books, television shows and movie have been made that provide alternative WWII scenarios. In this one, Charles Lindberg runs against FDR for President and wins. He works on making peace with Hitler, and a nation cowers.	***The Editor Says:*** Hitler and Nazism in general seem to be cliche topics these days, but this one still gave me goosebumps. It's just the knowledge that these are the leaders we trusted.



Senior Amy Powell fights for the ball during a line out against Ursinus.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Rugby team loses first; future looks bright

By Robin DeCicco
WEEKLY ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Muhlenberg Women's Rugby team unfortunately lost their season opener to Ursinus last Sunday, by a score of 36-0.

Junior co-captain Julie High admits that the team only had several practices prior to the game, which she strongly feels attributed to the loss.

RUGBY

"Since we have only had four practices, our girls were unprepared to work as a team during an official game. We spent these practices trying to adjust our new freshmen to the sport, instead of improving our team as a whole for Sunday's game" High said.

She continues, "The score proved that the Ursinus girls were in much better physical shape and that they were comfortable playing together, moreso than we were as a team."

On the other hand, The Muhlenberg women are just now becoming familiar with one another and learning how to work together to make their season a success.

"Out of thirty girls on the team, fifteen of them are freshmen; therefore, they are new at the game, which makes it difficult to compete against teams full of experienced upperclassmen," Senior co-captain Erica Varga said. "Our freshmen are both ready to play and eager to learn, and we are extremely happy to have them as a part of our unit."

Additionally, since the team is technically considered to be a club sport, they do not have an official field to play on; therefore, they practice behind the Egner Memorial Chapel, which lacks stable ground as well as rugby boundary lines.

The latter was a severe hindrance to the team against Ursinus, as many of the freshmen were unable to practice on a field that was equipped with official lines prior to the game.

In order to turn their record around and begin to win games, Varga believes that the team must remain committed to practicing hard and spending quality time together to grow as a unit.

"We need to work to improve our skills, push eachother on the field, and communicate with one another if we want to be considered a 'competitive' opponent to the rest of the league."

The Mules, with only four more games remaining in their season, are competing against LaSalle University, Gettysburg College, Bryn Mawr College, and Franklin and Marshall College.

Varga and High are certain that if the team plays to its pull potential, they will go on to have a very successful season.

The Rugby team has a several more practice days to follow Varga's advice before their next home game, which is this Sunday, Oct. 3 against Bryn Mawr College.

GEARING UP FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL!

Applying and gaining acceptance to graduate or professional school takes careful planning and preparation. Take advantage of this OCDP sponsored series to gather important information to make your application process successful.

Sophomores and Juniors – this is especially for you!

Getting into Graduate School
Wednesday, October 6, 4:30pm, Moyer 109

Writing a Winning Graduate School Essay
Tuesday, October 12, 4:30pm, Moyer 109

Departmental Sessions include:

Communication
Thursday, September 30, 4:30pm, Walson 115

Psychology
Tuesday, October 5, 6:00pm, Moyer 106

Biology
Tuesday, October 5, 7:00pm, Trumbower 149

Accounting, Business, Economics
Monday, October 11, 4:30pm, TBA

MCAT, GMAT, GRE Practice Test
Saturday, October 9, 9:00am
Ettinger 202, 203, 205 & 213

GMAT & GRE Follow-up
Thursday, October 21, 4:30pm, Ettinger 201

Law School Fair
Wednesday, October 27, 2-4pm, Moyer Forum

The Secrets to Law School Admission
Wednesday, October 27, 4:30pm, Moyer 109

ALL STUDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND! REGISTER ONLINE IN CAREER CONNECTIONS.

Weekend Schedule

	Friday	Saturday	Sun.	Mon.	Tuesday
Field Hockey	vs. Johns Hopkins at 7:00 p.m.				
Football		vs. Franklin & Marshall at 1:00 p.m.			
Women's Soccer		vs. Haverford at 2:00 p.m.			
Men's Soccer		vs. McDaniel at 7:00 p.m.			
Volleyball		vs. Johns Hopkins at 1:00 p.m.			
Golf					Gettysburg Invitational at 1:00 p.m.

Mules win first Conference game

By Betsy Stoller
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

MEN'S SOCCER

The Mules are back on track after its 1-0 win over Washington on Saturday. This is the Mules second Centennial Conference game of the season and their first win.

Junior Ryan Smallwood deflected in a cross from Freshman Karim Assous with only 2:40 left of regulation time. This was Smallwood's second goal of the season, and Assous' fifth assist of the season.

As a result of a myriad of injuries the Mules played without many of their starters.

Even with this handicap, the Mules were able to out-shoot Washington 12-10. They also had eleven corners to Washington's one.

While the offense was busy attacking, kudos must be given to senior goalie Chris Davis for his three saves and fourth shutout of the year. Senior back Ryan Melchior, Junior backs Adam Milberg and Jon Roman should be given credit for holding off Washington throughout a nearly scoreless match.

Davis said, "We played strong defensively; our mid field was aggressive and controlled the game. I felt that our corners were very dangerous and that James Henshaw played really well off the ball."

This is the Mules seventeenth win in a row over Washington, although the last three wins have been by a slight 1-0 score.

The Mules' next play at home against McDaniel.

Mules swing into top half

By Kristen Ziegler
SPORTS EDITOR

MEN'S GOLF

The Mules played at the Southmoore Golf Course in Bath, Pa. in the Moravian Invitational and finished in the top half of the field.

The tournament included competitors such as Susquehanna University, Ursinus College, Dickinson College, Haverford College and East Stroudsburg University.

Their team score of 315 not only placed them in eighth place but was also an improvement from their team score for last week's Blue Jay Classic.

"Our team is playing well with scores even better than last year," said Junior Tim Johnston.

Sophomore Brian Ruht finished tied for seventh with a round of 73. He trailed the leader, Ryan Ogurack of Lebanon Valley College by only four strokes.

Ruht tied the College's lowest round for last year which was shot by Jesse Neider '04. Neider shot this low round at the Moravian Classic last year.

However, it is not just Ruht who has found success, as Johnston said, "We're all swinging well." Junior Chris Walach, who shot a 78 in last week's tournament, broke 80 again this week. Walach's round of 79, though only four strokes behind Ruht and eight strokes behind the leader, still placed him tied for 26th place.

Senior Matt Schoenfeld shot an 80 in the Moravian Classic, tying his average round from last year.

Schoenfeld's performance made him tie for 37th. Johnston and Senior Weston Happ rounded up the Mules' players. Both players shot a round of 83.

"I felt I performed pretty well in this tournament. The course was playing tough, but I did the best I could," Johnston said. "Over the next couple of tournaments, we'll be able to pull together as a team."

Better luck next time

By Robin DeCicco
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Mules ended their ten game Centennial Conference winning streak last Saturday in a shutout against Johns Hopkins University. Nineteenth ranked Johns Hopkins University had little difficulty surpassing the Mules and scored three first-half goals.

The Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays improved their record to 6-1-1 in Centennial Conference play, while the Mules fell to 4-3 and 1-1.

Junior Meg McIntosh led the Blue Jays by scoring two goals in a mere ten seconds, making her the second fastest scorer of consecutive goals in NCAA Division III women's soccer history.

McIntosh then scored her first goal of the game when she one-touched a diagonal cross from her teammate into the back of the goal.

McIntosh then stole the ball from a Mule defender and put the ball into play from the middle of the field. After stealing the ball, she dribbled toward the Mules goalie and smashed a shot.

This shot found its' way into the far back of the net, rolling past Mules goalie Sophomore Kayla Boisvert.

The third goal was scored by Blue Jays Sophomore defender Lindsey Kimura, who scored her first goal of the season in the sixth minute of play.

The Mules captain, Senior Becky Armstrong is not making excuses for the team's loss; however, they were definitely unprepared to play on Johns Hopkins University's turf field.

"We always play on grass, so it was definitely a struggle to play on a different surface," said Armstrong.

She continues, "The team did not play aggressively, and we did not play with a sense of urgency, and [Johns Hopkins University] definitely took advantage of that."

The team is well aware that they need to practice hard before their next game scheduled for Saturday, against Haverford College.

CROSS COUNTRY

FROM PAGE 16

with a time of 24 minutes and 57 seconds.

The Mules men had a great performance as well, finishing tenth of the Division II teams.

If the team scores were counted together, the Mules would have defeated three Division I teams-Binghamton University, Rider College and St. Mary's College.

This competiton's finish was accomplished without Muhlenberg's top runner, Junior Alex Hotz, who could not compete due to injury.

"Our top five today broke personal records, which was great," Senior captain Christopher Martin said, " It was also a good day for us because we had the opportunity to compete with Division I and II teams."

"Overall, as a team we ran great, at least 80 percent of the team broke personal records, which is what we expect of each other," Martin said.

Overall, Sophomore Stephen Rothwell was the first Mule to cross the line (36th overall), finishing with a time of 26 minutes and 25 seconds.

Rothwell was closely followed by Sophomore Lex Mercado, who was the second Mule to cross the line and the overall finished 41st, with a time of 26 minutes and 38 seconds. Martin finished 46th overall with a time of 26 minutes and 48 seconds.

"Both [Mercado] and [Rothwell] work really hard every day, and I am amazed at what they are capable of," said Martin, "They are young, and it usually takes people time to adjust to the training since it is very different from high school, but they have really stepped it up, and I am sure that they will do great things for us this season."

Conference game ends in overtime loss

By Betsy Stoller
Weekly Sports Writer

FIELD HOCKEY

The Mules suffered another devastating blow in their Centennial Conference debut against fourteenth ranked McDaniel College.

Late in the first half, Freshmen Jillian Duffy scored her second goal of the season off of Junior Steph Light's corner pass. Duffy's first goal was scored last week against Washington and Lee.

The Mules held this lead until the last three minutes of regulation play. However, McDaniel kept Sophomore Lauren Schram and the defense on their toes when Schram saved a penalty stroke and Freshman Nikki Rhoads gained her fourth defensive save of the year.

"McDaniel had many shots on goal and even though we scored in the first half, we struggled offensively throughout the game," said Senior defender Pam Coakley.

"Defensively, Schram, Rhoads and Senior Sarah Fosdick had a great game holding McDaniel off on over ten corners," said Coakley. "We are taking it one game at a time, and we look forward to dominating in the rest of our [Centennial Conference] games." Schram made three saves compared to McDaniel's one.

Despite the Mules 1-0 lead, McDaniel out-shot the Mules fourteen to five, and with only 3:04 left in regulation, McDaniel converted its thirteenth penalty corner and tied up the game 1-1.

As the Mules began a run down the field, the Green Terror stole it and ran 70 yards. McDaniel scored the winning goal only 1:29 into the overtime period.

This is the Mules' fourth year playing McDaniel with the match ending in a 2-1 score. The McDaniel Green Terror has won the last three. All three of the Mules losses have ended in a one goal deficit.

"It's a shame that it came down to the last three minutes and we lost it that quickly," said Junior Adrienne Verbich, "There were some positives in the game."

"We're looking forward to coming out hard on Friday against Hopkins and getting momentum for the rest of the [Centennial Conference] games," Verbich said, "There's still a lot of time left."

The Mules face Johns Hopkins University on Friday.

DID YOU KNOW?

"TENNIS GREAT PETE SAMPAS HAS WON FOURTEEN GRAND SLAMS, MORE THAN ANY OTHER PLAYER IN THE WORLD."

WRITE FOR SPORTS
CONTACT
KRISTEN
ZIEG3527@MUHLENBERG.EDU
ALLISON
AAUCLAIR@MUHLENBERG.EDU
OR ROBIN
DECI1827@MUHLENBERG.EDU

FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE 16

kick, making the score 13-3 at the close of the half.

Two other Mules, Junior James Crowley and Freshman Ryan Merrill, both got their first interceptions; Merrill returned his for thirteen yards.

With about six minutes to go in the third quarter, Chris Poehls caught a 22 yard pass from Rosetti to bring in the Mules' third score.

Another kick from Hendershot brought the score to 20-3 to start the fourth.

Shalvoy had the longest play of the game, a 23-yard fourth-quarter run to set up the Mules' final touchdown, adding to his 73 rushing yards on just twelve carries.

Shalvoy finished the play with a seven yard toss from Rosetti to score his second touchdown of the game.

Adding to that a third successful kick from Hendershot, the Mules finished the game 27-3, bringing their winning streak to three.

This was the first time the Mules faced Grove City, so it was hard to know just what to expect and how to prepare.

Senior Will Corbin, who made his return from the injured list said, "We had an intense week of practice this week that prepared us for the win. Coach did a really good job of scouting, so we knew exactly what to go after."

Walker agreed with his teammate. "Grove City has a pretty complex offense, but once we understood what was coming at us, we owned it. We were able to stop them every time. I'm proud of our D-line's performance this week."

With the Homecoming game against Franklin & Marshall next on the schedule, the Mules hope to continue their season's performance.

They've got their eye on another undefeated season, and it looks as though it is not out of reach.

Freshman Ross Turner breaks several tackles on his way to a big gain to aid the Mule victory.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Mules take third

Game split 2-2

By Brandon Mefford
Weekly Sports Writer

VOLLEYBALL

The Mules traveled north to Amherst, Mass. this past weekend to attend the Amherst Classic. They took on the undefeated Amherst College Friday afternoon and lost in three games (30-18, 30-16 and 30-25).

There was a great effort by Junior Julie Lauro and Sophomore Courtney Williams who contributed nine and eleven kills respectively.

Freshman rookie Meghan Young added ten digs, while Junior co-Captain Mary Henning contributed 25 assists.

The losses the team suffered could be partly attributed to interfering class schedules which caused three members of the team to miss the game.

The whole team was present during Saturday's competition, and it showed. The Mules had an impressive win over Eastern Connecticut State. They won all three games (30-27, 30-27 and 30-26).

Lauro led the team in kills with seventeen while also contributing ten digs. Junior Jen Wiest added twenty digs.

The Mules' next game was against Pomona-Pitzer College, who came all the way from California to win.

That is exactly what they did, defeating the Mules in three games (30-15, 30-10 and 30-15). Lauro led the team again with ten kills.

Right after the loss, the Mules played their third game in a row, taking on the strong Middlebury College team. In this game, the Mules were again triumphant.

With this win, the Mules finished 2-2, which was good enough to place third overall in the Amherst Classic.

"Overall, I think placing third was amazing. Everyone gave it their all, and it showed us that we can play against competitive teams," said Sophomore Julie Lamborn about the team's performance, "I was really proud of what the girls accomplished, and we are looking forward to our next match."

The Mules play against Johns Hopkins in front of the Homecoming crowd on Saturday.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

'Berg racks up third win against Wolverines

By Allison Marman
Weekly Sports Writer

FOOTBALL

The Mules (3-0) owned the turf at Scotty Wood stadium this Saturday, taking the Grove City Wolverines (2-2) by storm. With a final score of 27-3, the game was out of Grove City's reach by the close of the first half.

The Mules dominated the offensive game, keeping much of it on the ground. They gained almost 250 yards on ground attacks, which was more than twice the 109 yards that the Wolverines managed.

This left Senior quarterback Nick Rosetti little time to hit his receivers. Over the course of play, he completed a total of eight passes, three of which were for touchdowns.

Defensively, the Mules held the Wolverines to 27 yards in 33 rushing attempts and three points, which came after a fumbled punt.

Senior linebacker Dan Walker led the defense with a team-high of eleven tackles, including five for loss, three sacks and a forced fumble. That earned Walker the honor of Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Week, right next to Senior running back Jason Spencer, who took Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

Spencer, who made his first start this week as the Mules' featured back, finished with a career-high 153 yards on 27 carries. He caught four passes for 38 yards, including a ten yard touchdown pass from Rosetti.

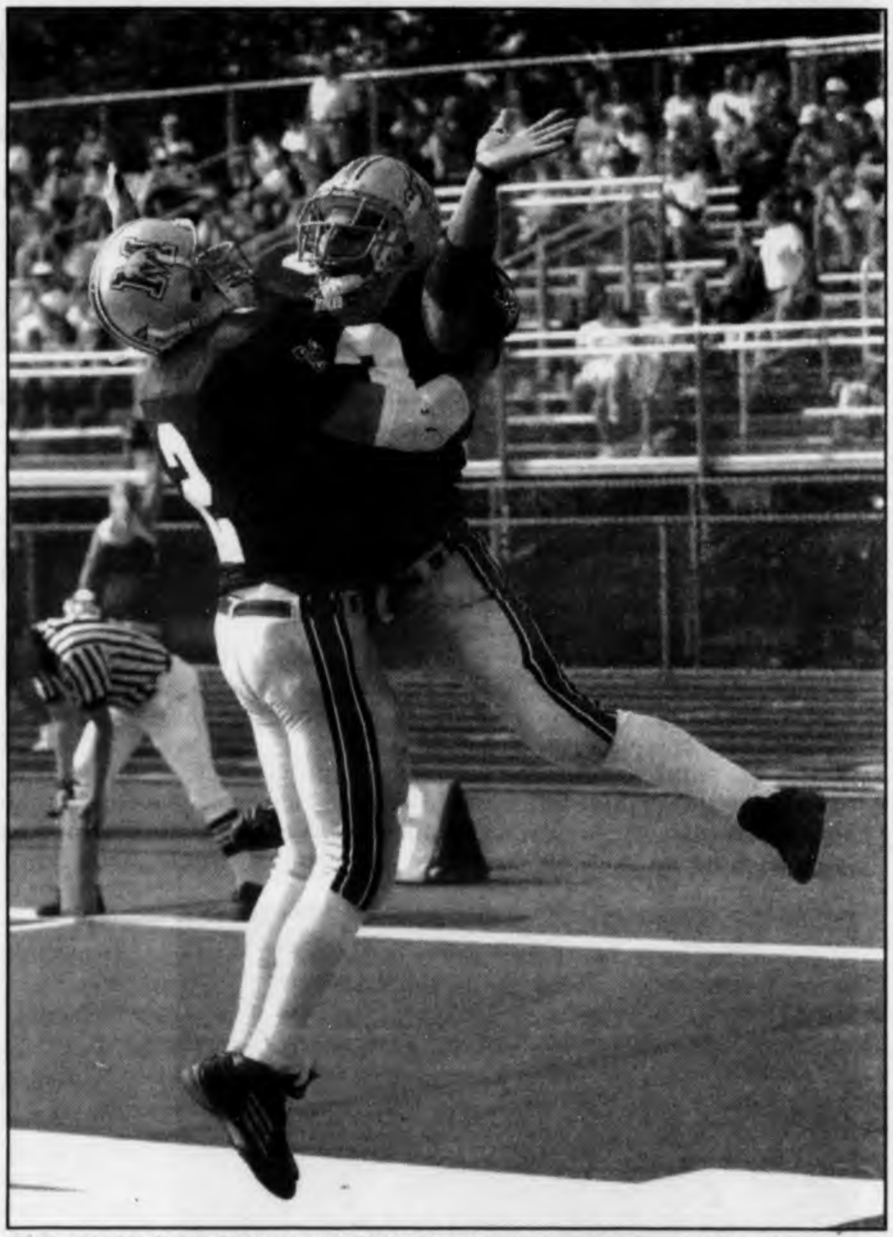
'Spencer is averaging 92.3 yards per game and 4.5 yards per carry, placing him third in the Centennial Conference rushing.

The first score of the game came at the end of a thirteen play, 74 yard drive, when Sophomore fullback Keith Shalvoy hurled himself one yard to reach the end zone for his first career touchdown. There were just seconds left in the first quarter.

The second score for the Mules came after the Wolverines picked off Rosetti at the three yard line, taking possession late in the first half and giving Junior rover Phil Gasker the opportunity to earn his first career interception.

Rosetti and Spencer took back control, sending Spencer a ten yard screen pass for the Mules' second touchdown. Junior Brian Hendershot had a successful

SEE FOOTBALL | PAGE 15



Sophomores Keith Shavoy and Chris Giannini celebrate Shavoy's fourth quarter touchdown in the Mules victory.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Mules race to the top of the pack

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

CROSS COUNTRY

The Mules played in their most geographically diverse competition this weekend, as they competed in Lehigh's 31st annual Paul Short Run against teams from places including Tennessee, Georgetown, Auburn and Villanova.

The Mules women ran well, tying for seventh with Bryn Mawr College. In addition to this finish, every Mule runner improved her time from the Lehigh Valley Championships a mere three weeks ago.

The greatest improvement overall was shown by Junior Christy Grandjean, who knocked an amazing 2:01 off her previous time.

"Christy has been working really hard at practice, and she did wonderfully today. Her hard work and dedication at practice and on her own time has really been paying off," said Freshman Sara Gearin.

Senior captain Jenna Belisonzi decreased her time by 1:40 and was the first Mule to cross the finish line with a time of 23 minutes and 7 seconds. Belisonzi finished eighth overall, out-running 75 Division I runners.

"Jenna is a quiet role model, but she is always there for everyone, encouraging everyone," said Gearin. "She obviously has a great running ability but also has characteristics that make for a great leader."

The second Mule to finish (33rd overall) was Junior Karen Mount, who clocked in with a time of 24 minutes and 39 seconds.

She was followed closely by Gearin, who finished in 34th place overall with a time of 24 minutes and 40 seconds.

"As a freshman I feel as if I have been really welcomed onto the team. Thanks to my captains, teammates and coaches, it has been an easy transition from high school to college," said Gearin.

Junior Christy Grandjean was the third Mule to finish the race

SEE CROSS COUNTRY

Inside Sports

Despite injuries, Soccer wins
page 15
Rugby opens season
page 13

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

VOLUME CXXIV, ISSUE 5 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2004

Inside

Liability issues hinder the reinstatement of Senior Pub Night shuttle. Discounted taxi rates available for students.
page 7

Inside

The MTA's Tartuffe *gives audiences a fresh look at old themes such as forgiveness, love, deceit and treachery.*
page 9

President Bush speaks at Lehigh Parkway

By Lauren Wiesner
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Amidst a stage filled with gourds, pumpkins, mums and cornstalks, President George W. Bush asserted his views on last week's policy debate with Senator John Kerry and issues affecting Lehigh Valley residents at the presidential rally at Lehigh Parkway on Friday. Attended by what Allentown Police Department estimated between 10,000 and 12,000 chanting patrons, the rally was full of enthusiastic citizens donning signs including "Veterans for Bush," "Farm & Ranch Team for Bush," "Doctors for Bush," "Seniors for Bush," Sportsmen for Bush" and "GOP Victory".

Between waving American flags and chanting "four more years," the crowd listened to Bush and several Pennsylvania politicians advocating voting in the upcoming election and expressing the republican platform on national and international issues.

At 8:00 a.m., Congressman Pat Toomey welcomed the still entering crowd. After announcing his opening statement: "Welcome to the rally in the Valley to reelect Bush," he asked the crowd to release their maroon, yellow and orange balloons before the other speakers took to the podium. Following the invocation ceremonies, Chairman Alan Novak from the State Republican Committee beckoned the crowd to be proactive in recruiting voters. With 32 days left until the Nov. 2 election, Novak asked the crowd, "What are we willing to do for our cause? Are we going to work harder? We've got to make sure that we don't leave any voter behind."

Congressional candidate Charlie Dent also took to the stage, and the crowd chanted "Charlie" in response to his presence.

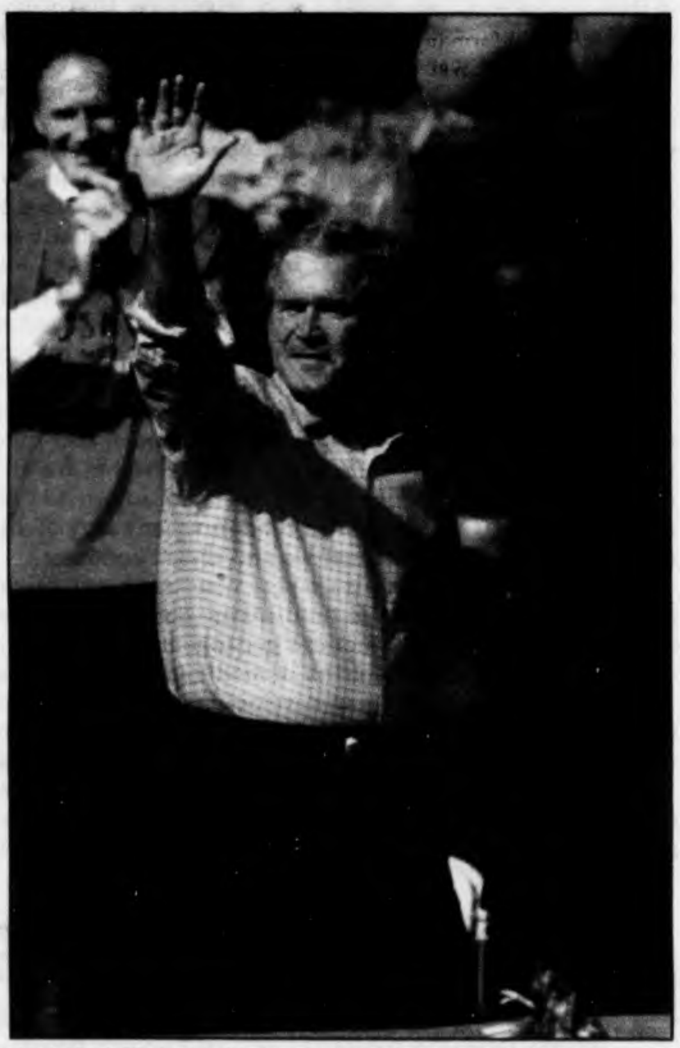
He first spoke about his election campaign: "I'm running because I care deeply about this country, this commonwealth, this community. It's about community." Dent also spoke highly of Bush. "He's genuine. He's real. He says what he means. He means what he says. He will be reelected because of you," he said.

Senior Senator Arlen Specter also spoke to the crowd about Bush, and Toomey added a few more comments before announcing a live country music band.

As the presidential motorcade turned the bend into the park just before 11:30 a.m., the crowd commenced cheering once again. Both dressed casually with buttoned down shirts and rolled up sleeves, Senator John McCain and Bush took to the stage with smiles and a thumbs up to the crowd from Bush.

McCain spoke to the crowd first as Bush looked out at the crowd. "What'd you think of last night at the debate? My friends, a summit is not a plan," said McCain. "This president showed last night [that] he has the strength, he has the courage, he will not waiv-

SEE **BUSH** | PAGE 7



President Bush greets the crowd at Lehigh Parkway.
PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Homecoming connects past with present

Ryan Kavalsky and Lauren Cohen were crowned Homecoming King and Queen in front of a packed stadium.
PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

By Dylan Moulton
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Every year including last weekend, Homecoming offers alumni the chance to return to the College to see both friends with whom they graduated and those who are still enrolled in classes.

Alumni, parents and students were invited to participate in nearly 40 different activities available from attending regular classes on Friday to the Young Alumni Reunion Kick-off at Rookies Restaurant.

Lauren Shanahan, Director of Alumni Relations, was eager to share the different events going on: "I hope everyone takes advantage of all the great activities we have."

These activities were both on and off campus. Shanahan was not disappointed with attendance at any of the Homecoming events.

One of the well-attended events was the Golf Outing at the Olde Homestead Golf Club in Tripoli.

This year was no different, with about 50 golfers signed up, and a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. on Friday.

President Helm held a complimentary breakfast on Saturday, where he spoke on the Strategic Plan to be presented to the Board of Trustees later this month.

Drawing the largest crowd of Homecoming every year is the football game.

This year the Mules (3-1) played a heart-breaker to Franklin & Marshall (4-1), losing 10-15. It was a packed stadium.

The half-time show included the Perkulators, the Mules Cheerleaders, the introduction of the 1980s football alumni and the

SEE **WEEKEND** | PAGE 12

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

Liability lies in no shuttle system

WHILE THE SUBJECT OF DRINKING AND DRIVING MAY SEEM TO BE hackneyed, it is still extremely relevant to life at the College, especially considering the recent concern over a lack of shuttle system for Senior Pub Night. It is imperative that some means of transportation be made more readily available to students attending Pub Nights in order to avoid tragedy.

Since Pub Nights are not affiliated with or sponsored by the College, the College does not have the control or legal obligation to monitor student drinking or safety. Because of this position, it is understandable that the College has not become involved in taking responsibility for student welfare by offering a shuttle service. However, Senior Pub Night is an event that involves drinking, and it is only realistic to admit that some students may turn the ignition key after ingesting a few drinks. While the College may gain obligation for student welfare upon offering help in this situation, the question arises whether liability is more important than the lives of students. Just because liability concerns muddy the waters of helping the Student Body does not mean not helping is the justified action.

The College's policy regarding alcohol is limited by law, complicating the involvement of the College further because of fear of condoning underage drinking. The students who attend Pub Nights are all over 21 and permitted to drink by law. If the College were to provide or help organize a shuttle system, it would not be condoning any sort of illegal activity, but rather helping to avoid dangerous and illegal actions.

The College may also wish not to condone binge drinking. Senior Pub Night is not an event based on drinking copious amounts of alcohol, but rather it is a night for seniors to get together and socialize. While some may drink to excess, most drink in moderation or even not at all.

By not assisting students in developing some type of driving service, the College is not sending the message that it does not support drinking, but rather expresses a certain amount of passivity toward drinking and driving.

A shuttle system is no good if students do not make use of it. We encourage both the College and students to consider the value of their lives, get over their pride and make every effort to find a safer way home.

Keep marijuana illegal

Justine Springer
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

For years, the non-profit public interest organization NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), the national Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws, has pushed for the legalization of marijuana for recreational and medical use by responsible adults and those who are in need of the drug to ease their pain and suffering from disease.

NORML lobbies state legislatures for more accepted uses of marijuana. Their argument is that 80 million Americans have admitted to having smoked marijuana and 20 million Americans have admitted to having smoked it in the past year. They claim that since many state officials and successful business leaders have admitted to having smoked marijuana, this breaks the myth that marijuana is only used by unproductive members of society who never make anything out of themselves and live off of the hardworking citizens' tax dollars for the rest of their lives.

NORML sees no reason why those hardworking and productive members of society who raise families should be treated like criminals when they responsibly engage in occasionally smoking marijuana. They do not see why this is any different then occasionally engaging in drinking alcohol or smoking cigarettes. Legalization of marijuana, however, should absolutely not be allowed. NORML states that every year thousands of "innocent" productive members of society are put in jail for marijuana use. If they were really productive, functioning members of society who were upstanding and innocent, they

80 million Americans have admitted to having smoked marijuna.

SEE **MARIJUANA** | PAGE 4

Letters to the Editor:

Pub night gets slighted

To the Editor:

As an elected representative to the Class of 2005, I wanted to express my disappointment in last week's article, "Pub night ends in pub fight." As a result of the author obtaining all of his information from secondhand sources, the incident itself was blown severely out of proportion and took away from the great success that was our first senior event of the year.

No serious attempt was made to contact firsthand representatives, consequently resulting in misrepresentation of the truth. It is true that the conclusion of the night was less than what the Class of 2005 had hoped for. It did conclude in the striking of a student by a non-student in a vehicle and some ensuing aggression. However, it must be noted that the situation was quickly contained, and that the student involved was not seriously injured.

What I find distressing is the fact that the class representatives who were on-site at the time of the incident were not even questioned (i.e. the Class of 2005 President). The only representatives contacted were Jeff Kraft '05 and Mike Alexander '05, who were neither present at the time of the exchange nor had any information that would have been of benefit to the author. Both of these individuals made it quite clear to me that they were weary of relaying any inaccurate information, which I greatly appreciated.

Furthermore, I question the journalism put into practice during their interviews. Mr. Kraft mentioned in our weekly meeting that his conversation with the reporter revolved around shuttles and the success of the night and only lightly touched upon the incident in question. If legitimate witnesses were approached from the very beginning it would have erased all controversy. Moreover, based on the context of the story, it can be of no coincidence that the article was submitted by an individual clearly not present that evening.

I realize and respect that it is the author's obligation as a staff member of *The Weekly* to report news pertinent to campus, but is it fair to distort it in such a manner that unfairly overshadows a positive experience for a large portion of the College? Aside from those brief 10 minutes that concluded the pub night, the overall evening went well beyond our expectations. Live music and great company made it a memorable time, and we heard nothing but praise from the 300+ seniors in attendance (including bar management). Most importantly, students were responsible in their celebration, and it was a great way to kick off our senior year.

I could spout off right now countless things that occurred that night that made it special for us all, but I will mention one instant that made it significant for me – it was first time that I was in the same room as my three roommates (four, if you include the Kramer-esque, Josh Rittenberg '05) from freshmen year since parting ways with them and 1350 Prosser. I will never forget that.

On behalf of the Class of 2005, I look forward to building upon our success from Sept. 23 with many more amazing, safe memories.

--Mike O'Rourke
President, Class of 2005

Senior student questions attendance policies

Deanna Jaeger
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Allow me to introduce myself. I am a 22-year-old college senior who, in the span of a few short months, will be unleashed into the so-called "real world." In an even shorter amount of time, you will trust me to assist in the selection of the future leader of the country. A year ago today, I was living on my own in Rome, decoding the cultural norms and hazards without speaking a word of the language and traveling across Europe during a time of universal political unrest.

I am legally permitted to die fighting in the name of my country, and I am considered mature enough to exercise my right of ending a potential life without external consent. And yet, quite ironically, despite all of these seemingly adult allowances, I am not trusted with the responsibility of deciding whether or not I can afford to miss the academic classes for which I am paying.

Although I recognize that in a liberal arts college setting in which classes tend to be tiny and discussion-based it is often imperative to the lesson that students be present, I feel as if class attendance should be a matter of personal choice and not a grade-impacting requirement for numerous reasons.

SEE **ATTENDANCE** | PAGE 4

Experience the real world after the bubble

Kate Arney-Cimino
Weekly Columnist

Our whole lives are dictated for us: after second grade we go to third and after freshman year in college we go to the next until graduation day when we walk off the stage into a new time of liberating, terrifying uncertainty. Today we have the opportunity to go with the flow after graduation, or we can be very unpredictable and creative. By creative, I mean something out of the mold, like leading Outward Bound exhibitions in the Rockies, rescuing animals from natural disasters or traveling around the U.S. in an RV speaking out about sexual assault.

Their names were John, Nick, Matt and Will. They had just graduated from William and Mary College and helped form the No More organization, a men's outreach for rape education. They raised the money to start the organization and also for an RV. Now, from Sept. 2004 until June 2005, they are traveling around in their RV to colleges talking to men's organizations. They speak to men about rape prevention and use graphic details to describe what man on man rape is like.

After their trip, one of the men plans to go to medical school and another plans to become a science teacher, but right now they are living the dream of going against the mold of getting a job or going to graduate school right after college.

As a senior, I'm experiencing the pressures of making decisions about what to do after college. It would be great to break the mold and travel in an RV speaking out about something or to work in a diner on the beach just for fun. Unfortunately there is money to be made and bills to be paid, and it all starts as soon as we cross the stage in May.

Common wisdom states that the longer you wait, the smarter everyone younger than you gets as you get dumber. Does this mean that we should all hit the rat race running after we graduate?

Common wisdom states that the longer you wait, the smarter everyone younger than you gets...Does this mean that we should all hit the rat race running after we graduate?

In the first presidential debate, presidential candidate John Kerry said, "I've never wilted in my life; I've never waivered." This sounds a little idealistic, and I don't really believe him, but John, Nick, Matt and Will are standing strong in not following the norm after school. They are waivering from the normal path, but they are not wilting. These students are truly taking a divergent path.

They are brave enough to pick a good cause and work for it with all of their hearts. They are secure and confident enough with themselves to know that when they are done with their journey, the world will still be here and will still need them.

Maybe taxes will be a little higher and their savings a bit lower, but the world will be here waiting to embrace their gifts.

Maybe we do want to begin a job or start grad school right after graduation, but what if we don't? Is that what we are supposed to be figuring out during college, or do we get the summer after graduation? Clearly these men are saying that anything goes and anything is possible. They have chosen that fun road trip that we have wanted to take, and they have combined it with a plan to make a difference.

Each of us must find our own way to impact the world.

What if we waited? What if we took a summer, or a year off from the "real world" to have our own adventure. After we graduate let's keep the world waiting in suspense for a while.

Let's talk about sex

Emily Oster
Weekly Guest Columnist

Nobody likes talking about sexually transmitted diseases. I'm sure everyone wished that we did not have to be concerned with these uncomfortable issues. Unfortunately for us, we must be.

The truth is, at least one in four Americans will contract a sexually transmitted disease (STD) and two thirds of all STDs are contracted by people under the age of twenty-five, according to the American Social Health Association.

We may not enjoy talking about STDs, but I'm certain no one enjoys getting an STD.

The question is, why are STDs such a problem among people of our age group? Perhaps it is an issue of education. Are we uninformed about the importance of using condoms when having sex? Do we not understand the need to be tested for all STDs if we are sexually active, as well as discussing our health status with our partners?

I find it hard to believe that between media coverage, condom commercials, Planned Parenthood campaigns and sexual education classes, not every member of our generation is very aware of all the how-tos of practicing safe sex. We must also understand that safe sex does not only mean using a condom, but getting tested as well.

So if we all know the deal with safe sex, why do STDs continue to be a major concern? Perhaps the real issue can be illustrated by the first sentence of this article--nobody likes talking about sexually transmitted diseases. People may be thinking, "It's embarrassing," "It's disgusting," "I don't want to know," or "I would know if something was wrong."

Excuses like these will only continue the spread of STDs and give people at risk a false sense of security. So now you should be asking yourself, what should I do? Today, the Health Center is offering free STD testing. If you have not been tested or have been but would like to be tested again, go straight to the Health Center.

The Health Center can give misleading information. A student may have thought he or she could get tested for STDs at any time during Health Center hours, but after further investigation, I found that not to be the case.

I was disappointed to discover when asked about their offering of STD testing that I was put on hold for a few minutes. There seemed to be some kind of confusion about what I was asking, and I was told that they do not actually do testing here on campus regularly.

Fortunately, the Allentown Health Bureau, located at the corner of Chew St. and 6th St., does offer free testing year round. Every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., anyone can walk in and be tested for all STDs.

Still, what's almost even more important than getting yourself tested is telling others. If we want to stop the current track that twenty five percent of us will contract an STD, we have to begin to confront the issue openly.

Take action and voice your concern. We can reverse this trend; it won't be too difficult. Tell your friends, boyfriend, girlfriend and roommates. Go to the clinic in a group.

We may not enjoy talking about STDs, but I'm certain nobody enjoys getting an STD. Conversation is key to preventing disease

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Managing Editor
Ben Veghte, Asst. Managing Editor

OPEN, News Editor
OPEN, OP/ED Editor
John Dunphy, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
Julie Strasser, Focus Editor
Rob Kandel, Photography Editor
OPEN, Design Consultant
Dan Isanuk, Business Manager
Michelle Quirk, Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, Asst. News Editors
Amy Cookson, Max Lux, Asst. OP/ED Editors
OPEN, Asst. Life! Editor
Robin DeCicco, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Johnny Canneto, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Sveta Shah, Chrissy Culotta, Copy Editors
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2004. All rights reserved.

UNDECLARED
UPPERCLASS
STUDENTS

Know what major you want to pursue?
Considering several options?
Unsure?

It's time to decide!

See your first-year advisor
and declare your major

Major Declaration Period
October 11th through
October 22nd

Don't Delay—Declare Today
Watch your campus mailbox for details.

ATTENDANCE

FROM PAGE 2

First and foremost, if college is preparation for the real world, it would follow that we, the future leaders of tomorrow, would be forced to deal with situations in which we are the sole voice in a decision, and the sole strength in dealing with the repercussions of these choices.

Although teachers who commit to role call every morning do provide students with consequences (such as lowered grades), should they choose not to partake in every class period, their requirements deprive students of the opportunity to develop an understanding of acceptable choices through confrontations with the resulting consequences.

Such perspectives breed insolence and manipulation among the future's brightest contenders.

I cannot feel good about my entrance into "life after college," knowing that I've never been trusted to learn from a mistake. In addition, I cannot help but feel resentful toward the professor that, through the establishment of an attendance policy implies that I'm not capable of using my discretion to determine whether I can afford to miss zero classes or ten. Based upon my observations in my non-attendance taking classes, the lacking policy does not lead to an increase in absences.

Furthermore, aside from denying students the opportunity to maturely learn from the consequences of their choices, professors implementing attendance policies seem to be sending a rather shallow message.

Instead of permitting students to realize that in missing excessive class time they will also miss necessary information, attendance policies imply that the reason a student should avoid missing class is because, otherwise, his or her grade will be consequently lowered.

Would the professors, clearly top-notch intellectuals dealing with upper level students, have our future leaders believe that its not the amount they learn that is important, but rather, that students give the *appearance* that they are present and learning that truly matters? It might be said that such perspectives breed insolence and manipulation among the future's brightest contenders.

Numerous other factors also support the assertion that attendance policies demean the intellectual. For example, if I spend my summers working two jobs so that I may contribute to tuition, I believe that I should be permitted to decide the extent to which I get "my money's worth."

While I recognize that I am paying my professors to do their job and that this feat may require my consistent attendance, I tend to believe that, from a financial transaction standpoint, I, the consumer, decide how frequently I wish to partake in that which I have invested.

I believe that attendance policies defy all that Muhlenberg stands for and negate the ideology that this college exists for the sole purpose of provoking intellectual growth and independence in its residents.

Lee National Denim Day
october 8, 2004

Friday October 8
Seegers Union

Make a donation and receive
a pink ribbon!

All donations go to the Susan G. Komen
Breast Cancer Foundation

Information Sessions

with Jyoti Gopal, M.D., and Kathy Attieh,
P.A.–C, from Muhlenberg Primary Care in
Bethlehem, Pa.

Seegers Union 108-109 at
11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Approx. 15 minutes each

Sponsored by the Center for Ethics, the
Communication Depatment and Wood Dining
Services

MARIJUANA

FROM PAGE 2

would not be breaking the law.

If it is illegal, there is no reason why people should engage in smoking it; good citizens would stay away from the drug and refuse to break the law.

Marijuana is not the only answer.

Short term memory is often lost among those who use marijuana, and those who use for longer periods of time have a harder time dealing with stress when they are not smoking marijuana, which may cause them to become dependent on the drug.

Another issue is the argument that those people who are in extreme pain, such as those going through chemotherapy, have AIDS or any other kind of disease, should be allowed to have a prescription to use marijuana.

While it is awful that these patients must suffer without the healing power of marijuana, there are other drugs that they can use to help ease their pain. Marijuana is not the only answer.

These patients may find themselves emotionally addicted to marijuana after their treatment is finished. They may continue to fill their prescriptions for marijuana, and if they cannot get a new prescription they may turn to the black market and other unsafe sources for marijuana, which will make the entire experience more painful in the end. Marijuana is truly a danger to society.

Perchance to dream! Perchance to write... for Op/Ed!

Contact Amy Cookson x4023

ARCact@aol.com

Journalist shares experiences in Iraq

By Laura Russell
Asst. News Editor

Students of the College had the opportunity to hear about the state of Iraq from a woman who has been there.

Deborah Horan, the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, spoke at the College on Wednesday about her experience as a journalist covering the Israeli-Palestinian conflicts in the Middle East.

Horan spoke of her experiences in Iraq during and after Saddam's reign.

According to Horan, on her first trip to Iraq, she arrived overnight by ground into the country because there was no functioning airport.

She then was required to check in and bring a present to the ministry of information, with whom she provided with a list of people she wanted to speak.

The Ministry of Information then "made sure that [I] did not speak to those people," stated Horan.

She then spoke of the process she was required to go through in order to speak with a famous musician so as not to raise suspicion from the government.

According to Horan it was interesting to see "how Iraqis learned to function under their government," by learning to keep their head down and remain unnoticed.

Speaking of her experience in Iraq after Saddam Hussein was removed from power, Horan stated that there was "no order and no government monitoring everything [anyone did]; it was utter chaos."

In order to get into Iraq in the first place, Horan got a seat on a plane bringing aid workers and supplies to the area. The plane had to perform a "cork screw" landing so as to avoid rocket propelled grenades (RPGs) from insurgents.

According to Horan, "the airport was completely occupied by the United States."

Journalists in Iraq are required to be as inconspicuous as possible--the men grow beards, and Horan showed the audience the garb that she and other journalists wore.

Horan then described an incident after U.S. forces bombed Fallujah, because contractors were killed by insurgents. Horan found a town that she described as containing "leveled houses with the smell of decaying bodies underneath them."

According to Horan, "Iraqis asked why U.S. forces bombed Fallujah when the contractors were killed, and why they didn't try to find the people who did it."

In addition, she saw Iraqi insurgents currently signing up for the Iraqi army and commented on the very high probability of a civil war breaking out.

According to Horan, when she spoke to the Shiites and Kurds, they "say nasty things about each other."

The two groups are currently fighting over the new constitution, according to Horan.

While the Shiites want a strong central government to rule the country, the Kurds want to control their own lives.

Horan stated that the U.S. is trying to build up the Iraqi military and police, but they are not doing well.

Horan proposed that perhaps the U.S. could have relied on the Shiite leaders more to begin with, and that they could have "strengthened pro-American sentiment before we came in."

When asked to comment on whether the role of women has changed at all, Horan stated that it has not changed much. According to Horan, women have covered themselves with more clothing in the final years of sanctions because they are suffering politically and economically and are turning to God.

SEE **JOURNALIST** | PAGE 8

SADD to join College Community

By Danielle Marcantuono
Weekly News Writer

Student Council member, Ryan Kipp '06 is planning to add Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) to the long and diverse list of student run clubs and organizations.

Kipp was a member SADD during his high school career and is now looking to continue his work with the organization on campus.

"[First-year students] are statistically having trouble with alcohol."

Ryan Kipp '06

Kipp shared information about his close ties with the organization.

"During high school I unfortunately had friends who were in accidents and got hurt or even killed," he said.

Known for many years as Students Against Drunk Driving, the group has changed its name to better represent its redefined mission.

Kipp explained that the group now addresses a number of issues other than drunk driving, such as dealing with other destructive driving habits like road rage or driving while under the influence of any number of other drugs.

Kipp noted that the organization is finding a home on campus just in time, as concern with the numbers of alcohol related issues, such as the hospitalization of intoxicated students, has become increasingly worrisome.

"The best thing for this campus, especially at this point in time, is to start a focus group that can have a direct interest in these issues," explained Kipp.

"We're not here to try and control people's lives, but we need to let them know that we're dealing with a big issue. It's very important to be thinking about your actions before you carry them out," he stated.

Kipp further stated that the group will focus its attention on incoming first-year students as well as high school students who live in the surrounding community.

He noted that first-year students "are statistically having trouble with alcohol," due to the fact that most cases of substance abuse actually start during the high school years.

The presence of drugs and alcohol in such a young age group was the starting point for the founding of SADD. "People found that students were drinking and driving even in high school," Kipp explained.

He went on to say that experiences with alcohol in high school can often lead the future college student to make the misguided decisions over the next four years he or she will spend in college.

Kipp is currently devising a plan of action that will

SEE **SADD** | PAGE 6

You Gave Us Your 2 Cents, We're Giving You Change!!

the
POWERHOUSE
café

Lower Prices on Salads and Sandwiches

Healthy Additions Including Fresh Fruit, Yogurt w/Granola, and Carrot & Celery Cups

Ice Cream Novelties to Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth

***Stop by the Life Sports Center today, our daily menu features soup, salads, sandwiches, baked goods and Starbucks coffee.**

STARBUCKS COFFEE

Council concerned about student apathy

By Laura Russell
Asst. News Editor

Run in the form of an open mic forum, the first Student Body meeting was held last Wednesday in the Garden Room, where students were encouraged to voice their concerns and ask questions.

As students trickled in for dinner, members of Student Council introduced themselves and explained the roles of their committees.

Such committees include the Campus Community Affairs Committee, which serves to bridge the gap of communication between the College and the surrounding community.

The Academics Committee focuses on improving the relationship between the Student Body and faculty.

The Dining Committee deals with food concerns and plans to open a coffee venue in the Trexler Library in the spring.

The remaining committees include Campus Safety, which serves as a liaison between officers and students and the Athletics and Finance Committees.

Anyone on campus can join these committees, and students are encouraged to voice their concerns by attending meetings.

With a lack of student input and attendance at the meeting, the issue of student apathy was raised.

Mike Yellin '05, Student Body President said, "this is a result of student leaders not being available enough to the Student Body."

Andrew Kalish '06, Junior Class President said the lack of attendance is not the Council's fault. He cited the extensive advertising posted on campus for the meeting.

Kalish said, "The lack of attendance is not a new occurrence. This meeting was not a failure."

He said the Council has attempted holding meetings in a variety of locations including Seegers Union, Parents Plaza and the Red Door Café.

According to Kalish, a committee is forming to create new ideas for advertising meetings and ways to get more students involved.

Yellin has scheduled fireside chats for the second week of October where he will sit by the fireplace in Seegers and make himself available to students who wish to talk about any concerns they might have.

Yellin commented in the Student Body meeting that there is much work to be done.

"I don't necessarily think we did the best we could this time around, and I blame myself for that. I need to find a way to connect the Student Body and the Student Council."

Yellin stated that having the meetings in the Garden Room is a better venue than where they have been held in the past.

"I hope that when the students get used to the idea of us holding these meetings in the Garden Room, they will start to get more involved," said Yellin.

"Ultimately, I was elected to connect two bodies, and that Student Body meeting certainly isn't representative of where I hope to go with my job," said Yellin.

Yellin also considers it important to convince students that they are able to make a difference.

"My goal in the upcoming freshmen elections is to contact those students who don't win positions and find roles for them on Council," he stated.

According to Yellin, it is important to take the energy of those who don't win and use it "to drive the so-called 'non-involved' students that we have here."

He said he knows the College and Student Council are not perfect, so "finding a way for students to voice their concerns is paramount."

According to Yellin, "everyone has something to offer, or else they wouldn't be at Muhlenberg."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	⛅	⛅
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 68 Low: 52	High: 67 Low: 46	High: 65 Low: 47

SADD

FROM PAGE 5

bring the experiences of collegiate and high school life together to create greater conversation and awareness with regard to drug use and driving behavior.

Kipp hopes that SADD will be able to share its voice not only with the Campus Community, but with the surrounding area of Allentown as well.

"One of [our] goals is to hopefully have some of the College's students go to local high schools and speak to them first hand," said Kipp. They could be students who have gone to the hospital and have witnessed these alcohol-related incidents.

According to Kipp, this is a way to communicate with a younger population of students and to let them know that there is more to college life than drinking.

"Alcohol problems do not end at the high school level; they can go on and on," said Kipp.

The organization also plans to form a transportation system run by volunteer students to keep those who may be intoxicated off of the roads.

"We want to let people know that if they've been drinking, they shouldn't have to get into their car. They can call us up, and we'll help them out. We'll be there for them," he stated.

> *"We want to let people know that if they've been drinking, they shouldn't have to get into their car. They can call us up, and we'll help them out."*
>
> Ryan Kipp '06

Kipp is founding SADD as a project for the Campus Safety Committee of Student Council.

Kipp stated that a number of students have expressed an interest in being a part of the organization, but he also stressed that it is still a work in progress.

Although it may take time, Kipp said that he looks forward to the various outreach programs that will eventually be available to the College and the Allentown Community as a whole through SADD.

"We're not trying to change college life," said Kipp.

"We're dealing with some really troubling issues, and we need to realize that they're not just going to disappear overnight," Kipp said.

OFF CAMPUS

HOEFFEL, SPECTER ENGAGE IN SENATE DEBATE

Lehigh Valley, Pa – Democrat Joe Hoeffel and Republican Arlen Specter had their first U.S. Senate debate on Saturday.

Specter questioned Hoeffel on his position on Iraq and accused him of failing to pass significant legislation.

In response, Hoeffel accused Specter of squandering his 24 years of seniority by supporting such issues as tax cuts and conservative judicial appointments.

The sharpest exchange took place when Specter accused Hoeffel of calling President George W. Bush a liar and demanded an explanation from Hoeffel on his vote against an $87 billion bill to fund troops and reconstruction in Iraq.

Hoeffel said that he never called Bush a liar because he is unaware of what information the President had when Bush informed the country that weapons of mass destruction were located in Iraq.

According to Hoeffel, his vote on funding the troops was intended to get Bush to deal more honestly with Congress about the situation in Iraq. Hoeffel and Specter will debate again in Philadelphia on Saturday.

STATE MAY ALTER COLLEGE GRANT RULES

Lehigh Valley, Pa – Pennsylvania is planning to make changes to its college financial aid program--decisions that could negatively affect middle-income families.

Aid may be cut from middle-income students in favor of giving bigger grants to those from lower-income families.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency expects to begin a new funding formula next year.

The formula will decide how many students receive money, who gets it and how much they receive. Students who currently receive state grants would not be affected.

Educators at public colleges believe that state grants should be concentrated on the lowest-income students.

On the other hand, private college educators believe that the lowest-income students are in many cases already eligible for federal aid.

The existing formula is based largely on a family's income and savings and the cost of the college the student has decided to attend.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

BUSH

FROM PAGE 1

er."

As the crowd continued to chant "four more years," Bush took to the podium and thanked them for their attendance. He then addressed the previous night's debate. "We had a great debate last night. It highlighted some of the fundamental differences between my opponent and I," said Bush.

Bush's speech touched on both foreign and domestic policies. He first addressed the sending of troops to Iraq and Kerry's stance on support for troops. "Troops...deserve wholehearted support of our government," he said. Bush criticized Kerry for his "protest vote" in which he voted not to fund military in Iraq. "When we put troops in harm's way, they certainly deserve better than having a candidate [make them] a protest vote," Bush said. "The president cannot keep changing his mind. The president must speak clearly, and the president must mean what he says."

Bush also brought up Kerry's plan for terrorist resolution. "I've been to a lot of summits. I've never seen a meeting...that would bring a terrorist to justice," he said.

Bush then went on to address national issues. He spoke about putting the state of the economy in perspective. He explained that in the last four years, there has been recession, corporate scandals and an attack on the country.

He cited the "largest tax relief in a generation" as the reason for the growing strength of the economy. He also noted the national unemployment rate of 5.4 percent, which is lower than the average rate in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. Bush expressed his platform as "pro-small business" and "pro-entrepreneur".

Bush speaks about issues including the presidential debate, the war in Iraq and the economy.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Asserting his republican stance, Bush said, "The government should help people improve their lives – not try to run their lives."

Bush also advocated his energy plan; he explained that it would promote job growth in the United States. "If we want jobs here, this country must become less dependent on foreign sources of energy," Bush said.

Regarding healthcare, Bush added that he is devoted to reducing the high rate of medical malpractice lawsuits.

"We need to do something about the frivolous lawsuits that are running good doctors out of business," he declared. "I'm for medical liability reform... medical decisions [should be] made by patients and doctors--not bureaucrats in Washington, D.C."

Bush also spoke on Social Security. He referred to the doubts in the last presidential election about the stability of Social Security and how citizens have still been receiving checks. He questioned, however, the endurance of the Social Security system.

"We need to worry about our children and grandchildren," Bush said. He referred to a plan to create "a personal savings account the government cannot take away," he said.

Bush addresses the crowd of over 10,000 at Lehigh Parkway.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Bush spent time further explaining his stance on the war against terrorism. "We're defending the homeland," he said. "We're staying on the offensive. We will prevail. Our strategy is succeeding."

He cited that over three fourths of Al Qaeda "key members" have been "brought to justice" and that Al Qaeda was largely unchallenged in the past. He further affirmed that he would not relent in the fight against terrorism.

As Bush left, he shook the hands of several citizens and spoke to them briefly as secret service agents followed in tow.

Several students took an active role in the rally through volunteering, attending and protesting. Jason Klein '05 volunteered at the event by helping the secret service with the press. "There were no glitches. Everything was right on time," he said. Klein noted that the only managerial concern was the slight delay caused by Bush at the end of the rally. "He was talking to regular citizens and shaking their hands," he explained.

Klein, a regular volunteer at the local Bush reelection center, was impressed by the rally. "It was absolutely incredible. He spoke about what he thought were his shortcomings. He covered everything," he said.

On the other side of the gate, Michael Schlossberg '05 participated in the protesting outside of the rally. He was joined by approximately 12 other students of the College and what he estimated as over 100 other protesters toting pro-Kerry signs. "We were all united by something we truly hate," Schlossberg said. "I just like bonding with the people. We shared our agreement on democratic policies. It was a very energetic and bonding experience."

Klein commented on the rally, "It's really great seeing that people are involved in politics."

Pub night shuttles unavailable to students

By Michelle Sartor
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Senior Pub Night is an event many students at the College look forward to as a way to go out to bars with friends and classmates. In order to have a variety of locations for the event, however, organizers need to pick establishments that are not all within walking distance.

This causes concern that students may drink and drive. There are no transportation options similar to the shuttle the College offers on Wednesdays and weekends that takes students to places like the mall, restaurants, supermarkets and the movies.

According to Student Council members, liability is a major issue for the College with regard to a shuttle. According to Mike Yellin '05, the College cannot set up a shuttle specifically for Senior Pub Night. He said, "A shuttle seems to almost have Muhlenberg endorse Pub Night, which is something the College simply can't do."

Mike Strauss '05 agrees. He said, "The liability is truly an issue. Alcohol presents serious risks in any situation, and I see why the school would be hesitant to agree to anything that aids in students drinking."

During the summer and fall of 2003, Strauss was involved in organizing a shuttle that ran every Thursday and Saturday and made stops on campus and many of the night life areas in Allentown.

The students worked with members of the College administration and Elite Limousine for the Late Night Shuttle Program.

According to Jane Schubert, Assistant to the Dean of Students, this shuttle stopped running because of lack of student participation.

She said, "After running the shuttle for 10 evenings during a three-week period, a total of four students used the shuttle. Apparently, students did not feel it was convenient since they had to wait for the shuttle to return to their destination."

Jeffrey Kraft '05 is one of the primary planners of Senior Pub Night. He said he approaches different establishments, speaks with owners about hosting the event and discusses drink specials.

Kraft has spoken with Quick Service Taxi, which runs a three-for-one deal for students where three people can ride for the price of one.

Kraft said the only drawback is that the taxis will not sit and wait outside the establishments, so students have to call and wait to be picked up.

Kraft distributed the number to students all night at the first Senior Pub Night, which was held at Banana Joe's on Sept. 23.

He explained that he does not think a shuttle will be possible through the College, especially since the College does not sponsor the event. He said, "I think the discounted taxis are the best we can

SEE SHUTTLE| PAGE 8

SHUTTLE

FROM PAGE 7

do." Banana Joe's is currently looking into sponsoring a shuttle for the College's students.

According to Mike Mandato, Marketing Manager of Banana Joe's, the bar and grill is in the process of finding a bus company that is willing to provide the shuttle service.

He said those at Banana Joe's are hoping to meet with the Dean of Students at the College to make the shuttle more of a safety issue.

Mandato hopes to make the shuttle very inexpensive, if not free. He said, "We want to make it as viable as possible."

He said if the shuttle were to be expensive, it would defeat the whole purpose of it. Currently Banana Joe's is thinking about charging $1 or $2 as gratuity for the driver.

Since there will be no cover charge on Senior Pub Nights, Mandato thinks students will be willing to pay the minimal fee.

According to Schubert, Banana Joe's was one of the biggest financial supporters of the shuttle that ran briefly last fall.

She said, "Funds were collected from the local establishments with supplements from various student groups in order to pay for the cost of the shuttle. The College did not contribute financially to the shuttle."

According to Yellin, getting a third party to assume the risk involved in a shuttle for Senior Pub Night is the only way one can be established.

Yellin said, "Ultimately, we have to realize how lucky we are that the school lets us advertise for and organize a Senior Class sponsored Pub Night and that we haven't had any major incidents thus far."

Although Strauss understands the liability concerns of the College, he said, "I believe that if the school is to look out for its students, it should realize that students do go to the bars, and when possible, they should support effective ways of helping students be safer."

Strauss believes the taxi service is a great idea that many students would use. He thinks it could solve many drinking and driving problems. Schubert also thinks discounted taxi rates are a great idea.

Kraft said the first Senior Pub Night at Banana Joe's "went really well."

He said about 300 students went to the event and that he had no complaints.

JOURNALIST

FROM PAGE 5

"They are getting more and more conservative and insular because they are "more afraid," stated Horan.

On the issue of how Iraqis feel after the fall of Saddam, Horan stated "There is no Iraqi that would tell you that they want Saddam back."

Horan also spoke about the changes that are taking place in the schools in Iraq.

"Books with Saddam's face on them are being changed, and math books need to be fixed because the 'x' and 'y' in algebra were 's' and 'h,' " she stated.

In addition, the way in which the students are being taught must change.

According to Horan, "the people have to be encouraged to think and ask questions, to think laterally because they have always been taught that they must keep their heads down."

According to Horan, if the U.S. can pull off the voting process logistically, that is if the polls are not bombed by insurgents, then "the problem with the Arab world is the fact that there is potential for people boycotting the voting or not recognizing the winner."

In addition to Horan's visit to the College, the Decision 2004 Student Forum was held on Monday. The discussion was mediated by Scott Overland, President of Students and Politics, which is a group Overland founded in the beginning of last year to generate student interest in politics.

Students from clubs such as the College Republicans, College Democrats, Students Advocating Gender Equality (SAGE), Environmental Action Team (EnAcT), Muhlenberg Association for Progressive Action (MAPA) and Gay and Straight Alliance (GSA) spoke about their views on various issues in the current election process.

Students who offered their views included, Jason Klein '05, Michael Schlossberg '05, Amy Cookson '05, Valerie Lykes '05, Lara Swanson '06, and Adam Consovoy '07.

These events were part of the Decision 2004 series, which is meant to foster discussions among the College's students about issues in the upcoming presidential election.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 28 – Theft from Vehicle – A CD head unit, subwoofer and amp were stolen from a student's car that was parked in the Martin Luther parking lot.

Sept. 29 – Institutional Vandalism – Someone drove across the lawn at the Life Sports Center, ripping up the new grass.

Sept. 29 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A student attempting to back into a spot on Chew St. hit another student's parked vehicle.

Sept. 29 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at Phi Kappa Tau due to plumbers doing work.

Sept. 29 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 319 N. 22nd St. due to cooking.

StudentCity.com
Spring Break
17 HOT DESTINATIONS!
Book Early & Receive:
Free Meals
Free Drinks
Free T-Shirt
Official Partner Of Maxim Break
CAMPUS REPS WANTED
1.888.Spring Break
www.studentcity.com

Sept. 29 – Institutional Vandalism – A student in East Hall found an exterior window broken when he returned to his room.

Sept. 29 – Injured Student – A student in Prosser Hall got shocked from a plug. She was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Sept. 30 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 432 Albright St. due to steam from the shower.

Sept. 30 – Suspicious Persons – Two non-students were in the area of 22nd and Liberty St. APD was called. The individuals were stopped and identified. Since they had no legitimate reason for being there, they were asked to move on.

Oct. 1 – Possible Theft – A cell phone was lost somewhere on campus. It may have fallen out of the student's back pocket.

Oct. 1 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 432 Albright St. due to steam from the shower.

Oct. 1 – Suspicious Activity – A strong odor of gasoline was detected in Martin Luther Hall. A student who had filled her car with gasoline had spilled some on her clothes and left them in her room.

Oct. 2 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – A student was found throwing up in Walz Hall. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital by Allentown EMS. The student will be referred to the judicial process.

Oct. 2 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – A student was found passed out on the sidewalk of 23rd and Gordon St. The student was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Oct. 2 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2343 Liberty St. due to a faulty detector in the garage. The detector was replaced.

Oct. 2 – Animal Complaint – A person was kicked out of the Football Stadium for failure to comply because the person had refused to remove a dog from the stadium area. The person came back after being told once to leave and was told again that if he returned a third time, he would be arrested.

Oct. 2 – Arson by Intoxicated Person – A student set a piece of paper on fire and put it on the door of a residence in East Hall. He was also found to have beer. He was referred to the judicial process.

Oct. 2 – Simple Assault – A student was hit by a green paintball from a passing motor vehicle on N. 22nd and Liberty St. The car slowed and fired three shots at the student.

Oct. 2 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 428 Albright St. due to cooking.

Oct. 2 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – 18-year old Kevin V. Ciccarello '08 and a 17-year-old student were charged with underage consumption of alcohol by Allentown Police after being found at 26th and Liberty St.

Oct. 2 – Noise Complaint – APD checked a house on N. Leh St. after receiving a noise complaint. There was no noise at the house, and they were not cited.

Oct. 3 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Six students, alcohol and a Beirut table were found in a room in Prosser Hall. The students were referred to the judicial process.

Oct. 3 – Sick Student – A student felt weak and dizzy but signed a waiver and refused transport to a hospital.

Oct. 3 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2333 Liberty St. due to cooking.

Oct. 3 – Injured Student – A student received a shoulder injury in the Football Stadium and was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Oct. 3 – Injured Student – A student received a hand injury in the Football Stadium and was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Oct. 4 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2251 Liberty St. The cause is unknown.

Oct. 4 – Harassment by Communication – The student on student harassment occurred in Prosser Hall.

Weekly life!

"It's a very short trip. While alive, live."

- Malcolm Forbes

Orgon (Adam Pinti '06) explains to Cleante (Phil Haas '05) the virtues of Tarouffe.

Photo by Jon Reimer

Piety and thievery never went hand-in-hand so well

By John Dunphy
Life! Editor

The Muhlenberg Theater Association (MTA) has begun its fall semester play series with *Tartuffe*, Moliere's 18th century comedy. The show is directed by Francine Roussel, Professor of Theater.

The play itself was produced extremely well; everything from the set, to the costumes, to the use of prose was done exceptionally, especially considering the time restraints that were put on the cast and crew. After rehearsing only for a few weeks, the group was able to pull together and deal with a challenging script and an even more challenging message.

When the curtain opened, the audience gained its first view of the set. The set itself was created to be larger than life. All of the walls and even a closet were created with superb angles and slants, giving the world on stage a 3-D feeling and making the set seem larger than it actually was.

The one problem with the stage itself was the furniture choice. Three chairs and a table were essentially the only pieces of furniture used. The chairs were very plain and simple. Although it was understandable that the furniture is small due to the fact that it was moved several times throughout the show, it simply did not match the set construction.

When the play officially started, the action began slowly. No matter what directors seem to do, the opening to *Tartuffe* generally feels sluggish and lacks energy. This production is no different, however, despite the tiresome first scene, the pace of the play seems to quicken immediately. When Phil Haas and Adam Pinti enter the stage and begin their dialogue, it is almost as if the play receives its first breath of life.

For some time, the sluggish feeling of the opening scenes continues. It is not until perhaps the seventh or eighth scene that the play finally picks up the speed which it needs to accurately convey the lines to the audience. By the end of the performance, the play is flowing freely and the lines, though written in prose, are stated quickly and feel as though they were spoken in the common tongue.

The scene in which this is first

SEE **TARTUFFE** |PAGE 11

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT WOULD YOUR BIOGRAPHY BE TITLED?

"A Jew for a Day"

-Rachel Brodsky '08

"If You Have a Pulse I Probably Hate You"

-John Hesse '07

"The Challenge of Being a God"

-Dan Perlow '06

"Do You Have Lesbian Moms?"

-Sam Maxwell '07

"I Wish I Could Remember My Life"

-Jordana Boydstun '06

Compiled by John Dunphy

History resides on Hamilton

The Trexler Museum houses some of the clues that unlock the secrets to the historic Lehigh Valley and the residents therein.

PHOTO BY JOHN DUNPHY

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

Although it may seem like miles away, the Trexler Museum on the corner of Hamilton and 5th is a surprising little slice of history. The museum is broken into two sections, one for changing displays and one permanent path that outlines the history of the Lehigh County area.

Currently, the showcased exhibit is a look into the life of the Trexler family. Black and white pictures depict the life and times of the different Trexler men. One picture shows Harry Trexler walking through what was then Springwood Park. Later, that very park's name was changed to Trexler Memorial Park.

Aged cutlasses and belt buckles glint from behind the display case. Heirlooms of a prominent and important family in the Lehigh

SEE **MUSEUM** | PAGE 11

Pageant winner goes for glory

By Jacqueline Starner
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Janelle Garipoli '08 isn't your average student. She does community service, practices martial arts and acts in plays. It is these qualifications and more that have given her the title of Miss Kempton Fair, and come November, she will be competing in the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant.

In order to prepare for the upcoming pageant, Garipoli must get her outfits together and stay in shape, but more importantly she needs to keep up to date on current events and practice her interview skills.

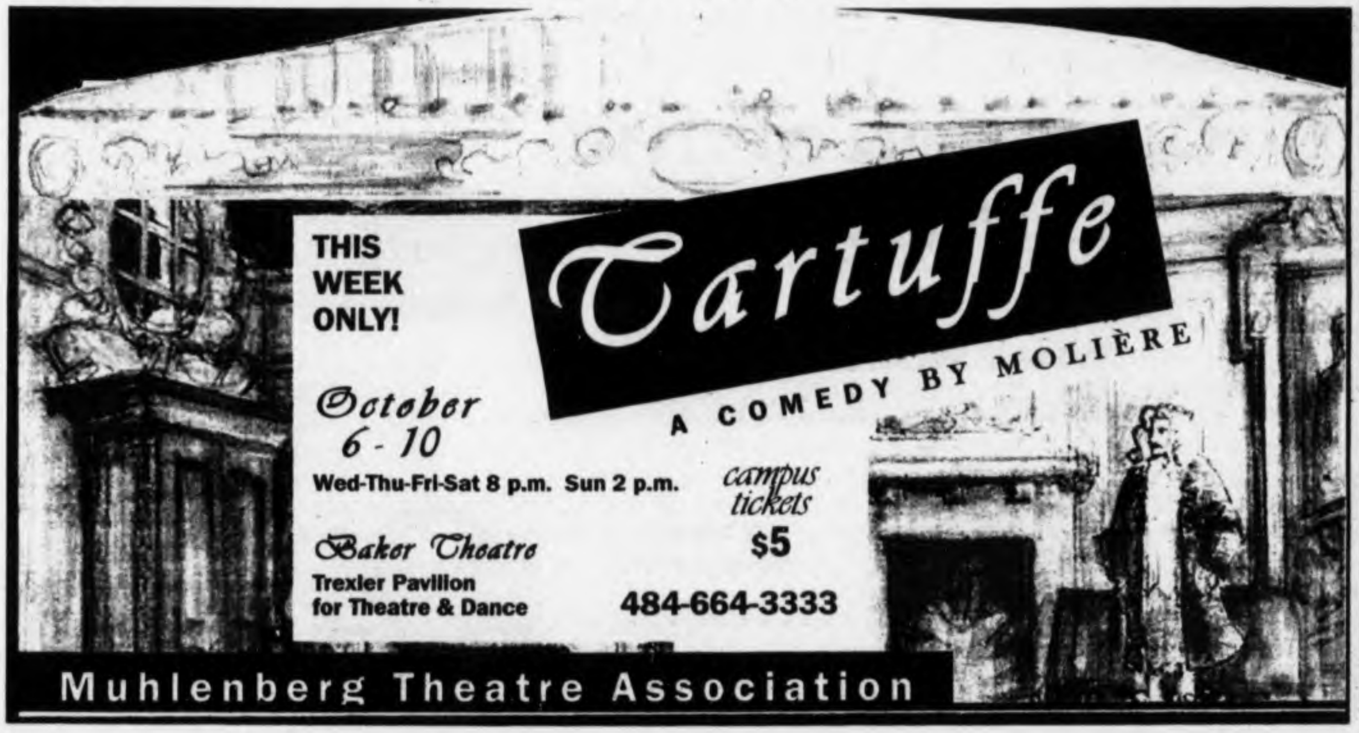
According to Garipoli, the interview is by far the most important part of the pageant. Contestants are even required to come prepared with community service platforms to discuss. For her platform, Garipoli chose promoting the arts in education because this is something she is really passionate about and actively works toward.

For her high school graduation project, she taught seventh graders in the gifted program how to act. Then, she wrote and directed a play in which the students performed in at their middle school arts festival. Students in Garipoli's school district are required to dedicate thirty hours to their graduation projects, but in her usual fashion Garipoli went above and beyond and spent around fifty hours putting together the production.

One of Garipoli's projects was creating a Drama Club for sixth graders. She said she wanted to create the club to give kids a positive environment after school. She also wanted the kids to learn something, so she taught them acting and gave lessons on the history of theatre.

Garipoli's passion for the arts led her to Muhlenberg because she

SEE **JANELLE**
PAGE 11



THIS
WEEK
ONLY!

Tartuffe
A COMEDY BY MOLIÈRE

October
6 - 10
Wed-Thu-Fri-Sat 8 p.m. Sun 2 p.m.

campus
tickets
$5

Baker Theatre
Trexler Pavilion
for Theatre & Dance

484-664-3333

Muhlenberg Theatre Association

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

The Forgotten
Fri. 4:50, 8:00, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 8:00, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 8:00

Friday Night Lights
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Ladder 49
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Raise Your Voice
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Shark Tale
Fri. 7:50, 9:30, 10:15
Sat. 7:50, 9:30, 10:15
Sun. 5:00, 7:00, 7:50

Sky Captain
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Taxi
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Adam Reich '06 and Sara Hogrefe '06, hopeful groom and bride-to-be, share a moment on stage.

PHOTO BY JON REIMER

TARTUFFE

FROM PAGE 9

visible is the initial scene between Cleante (Phil Haas '05) and Orgon (Adam Pinti '06). Within their first scene together, each brother has a monologue. During this time, the lights dim except for the area around the actor speaking. This adds greatly to the intensity of the speech. Finally, when one brother cuts the other off, the lights go back to their original intensity. This play on words and lights draws the audience into the scene and then abruptly, and comically, snaps them back into the scene.

Although the dynamic was fantastic for a while, it fell again once Valere (Adam Reich '06) entered the stage. The character himself is supposed to be dramatic, but also a strong figure. The portrayal, however, was weak and the effect did nothing to move the audience towards Valere's cause.

George Psomas' '05 performance as Tartuffe himself was consistent throughout the play. He was able to truly capture the audience's attention by fully embodying a character that a person loves to hate.

One scene, between Psomas and Haas, in which Cleante attempts to illicit a confession from Tartuffe, is simply amazing. Throughout the scene, Psomas eats a piece of chicken. He does so with intensity, and the gestures he employs while eating give the audience glimpses into his inner character.

The costumes in the play were simply exquisite. Some were very dark, while others appeared to light up the stage. Despite these differences in coloration, however, all of them looked like authentic pieces. To push the religious aspect of the piece, many of the characters had crosses which matched their characters' personalities as well as their clothing.

Overall, *Tartuffe* was exceptional. Despite the drawbacks due to limited rehearsal time, Roussel has truly conveyed the essence of the play. For a brief period of time, the audience may find themselves lost in a world of piety, love and treachery.

MUSEUM

FROM PAGE 10

Valley area are placed neatly next to one another. In small rooms next to the displays, different displays immortalizing the factory workers of the olden days can be found. Pieces of old machinery and old time books where workers would sign in give an example of the life that steel workers used to live. In another room, there are outlines of many of the parks and a picture of the Allentown coat of arms.

The second portion of the museum is a literal walk through the lives of early Allentown, beginning with geology and including Native Americans and settlers. Many rocks, minerals and geodes are prominently displayed, and there are even some that are unique to the area.

Next on the trail is a flashback to the Native Americans that once lived in the Valley. Portraits and arrowheads are on the walls and tiny artifacts from the time are all visible. At then end of the path is a life-size model of a room from an old cabin. With only a table and a chair in the room, it captures the simplicity of the days of the settlers.

Anne Goda, curator of the collection, stated that in November, the museum will be moving into its own private space. It will be the first steady home for the museum since its conception. The move will begin in November and new space on 4th and Walnut will be open sometime in April, 2005.

Unfortunately, since the museum will now have its own building, which will require monies for maintenance, visitors will be charged an admission price. Despite the cost, it will be worth it in order to see what they are capable of with bigger space and more room.

The Scott A. Trexler II Memorial Library is open Monday through Saturday.

JANELLE

FROM PAGE 10

believes this school can prepare her for a career in musical theatre or opera. Unlike many undecided first-years, Janelle has already determined that she will double major in music and theatre, maybe tacking on a dance minor if she can. As a first-year, she has already been quite successful in both fields of study. She was cast as Audrey, one of only four characters, in the black box "Christmas on Mars," which will be performed on Nov. 19 and 21 and Dec. 2 and 4, and she is also a member of the all - female acappela group Girls Next Door. Throughout it all, she still finds time to volunteer with Best Buddies because she believes giving back is important for everyone no matter how busy he or she is. "I thrive on being busy, and, yeah, I only get about four hours of sleep a night, but I don't care because I love what I do."

Keeping her schedule jam-packed is not a new concept for Janelle; in high school she did a great deal of community service, played three sports, sung in musicals and helped with the school's yearbook. Despite her small stature, Janelle was a field hockey goalie, played soccer and, most surprisingly of all, power lifted.

Many people would not expect a beauty queen to lift weights alongside guys twice her size, but Janelle says that she's always doing what people would never expect her to do. For instance, Janelle got her black belt in Okinawa Kenpo Karate at age twelve, so even though she may look dainty, legally she's a weapon.

Garipoli plans on going to graduate school for vocal performance, perhaps even operatic stylings. But even if her plans don't pan out, she says that she'll "just be happy doing anything involving music or theatre."

First-year student Janelle Garipoli has accomplished more in her teen years than many will do in a lifetime.

PHOTO BY JACQUELINE STARNER

Stay linked to a world...
Where all women wear spandex and know kung fu.
Stay linked to movies.
Movielink
movielink.com

The 2nd Annual College Film Festival

DOWNLOAD A MOVIE FOR 99¢ OR LESS*

at www.muhlenbergweekly.com/movies

*Based on 50% discount off listed price. Terms and conditions apply. Visit www.movielink.com/promo for details. ©2004 Movielink, LLC

horoscopes

By Psychic McMindreader

Aries

One minute you're on top of the world, and the next, you're among the dregs, trying to crawl you way to mediocrity. This week is going to progress a lot like that, so be careful with any outstanding social engagements, because if ignored, your Heaven could soon become your Hell. Up will be down and left will be right. And yes, this means that guy will not ask you out.

Taurus

You will be faced with many oddities in life, many facts that turn out to be fallacies and many beliefs that become falsehoods. You will be stricken with confusion and it will be a hard time carrying on. One fact, however, will always be indisputable, and as solid as the foundations of all time: No matter what a rapper tells you, pimpin' is not, in fact, easy.

Gemini

Lately, people seem to be making more and more excuses on why they can't hang out with you. Maybe it's that newfound appreciation of Edgar Allan Poe you've found, the constant laments about the world, or the way your skin burns when exposed to sunlight. They think you're a vampire, so pop in the Hanson CD and put on some non-black clothes.

Cancer

This week will mark the beginning of a new phase in your life. This may seem major, but don't let that scare you. Change is good. Take any changes in stride and try not to worry. Unless of course, you're undergoing a metamorphosis into a giant cockroach. In that case, you may want to consult your physician. So, I guess change isn't always a good thing.

Leo

Your girlfriend is constantly hinting at something, and this week is no exception. She doesn't want to spend as much time around you, she's stopped eating lunch with you and she won't even return your phone calls. What have you done to deserve this? Well, to begin with, you haven't showered since you got here. Water is your friend; now go.

Virgo

Sex has become a powerful force in your life, and it has begun controlling your everyday life in ways you could not possibly have imagined. Don't worry, though, this feeling is completely normal. Everyone goes through this at some point. If you're a freshman, welcome to college. If you're a senior, wow, that's pretty late for the onset of puberty.

Libra

You have become the latest victim of a terrible, terrible addiction, that of Goldfish brand baked snack crackers. The tiny little morsals of cheddary goodness have so ingrained themselves into your dietary habits that you can't go through a single meal without them. It is as if they have become a part your life. My only advice is don't let the addiction consume you.

Scorpio

You, fearful Scorpio, have suddenly become aware of a gaping hole in you life that can only be filled in one single way: religion. Whether you choose Yahweh, Buddha, Mohammed, Zeus or just plain God, try before you buy. Shop around for what's really right for you. Sure, Voodoo may look cool, but chances are you'll lose some friends over it.

Sagittarius

Very soon, you are going to pick up a song that is destined to be your own. This may seem trivial, but the song you pick is destined to have drastic and far-reaching consequences on you very life! Calm down though, unless of course your song turns out to be *Captain Jack* by Billy Joel, in which case you will most likely become a burden on society.

Capricorn

Some people have everything work out for them from the very beginning. Peter Parker was bitten by a radioactive spider and became the Incredible Spider-man, eventually marrying a supermodel and fulfilling his life's ambitions. Wilbur Day fashioned a suit that let him reach incredible heights as Stilt-man. He got beaten by Daredevil. Badly. Hope you never become Stilt-man.

Aquarius

It is starting to sicken you how divided the campus has become over this election, and the constant heated debates of your classmates have only served to fray your nerves further. Suggestions? Sure, try taking a nap, turning off you computer, putting your fingers in your ears and avoiding all human contact until Nov. 3.

Pisces

Eerily, day-to-day life has begun to resemble the classic George Lucas film *Howard the Duck*. Your dreams are invaded by a cute little Michael J. Foxish duck who plays the guitar and romances you. Lately, you think you see Howard in the hallways, walking to class. Better check into rehab. Remember kids! Drugs are bad. Mmm Kay?

WEEKEND

FROM PAGE 1

Sidney Weikert Sophomore Athlete-of-the-Year Award Ceremony and the Scarecrow Decorating contest.

The Scarecrow Decorating contest started last year. Student-run groups were encouraged to create designs and to make Scarecrows along Academic Row. The scarecrows were judged based on the most-spirited, the scariest and the most original. S.E.V.E.N. (Students Experiencing Very Exciting News) won most-spirited, WMUH won scariest and MCEMS won most original.

The crowning of Homecoming King and Queen was also during halftime. Homecoming royalty was crowned from a competitive court of seniors: Lauren Cohen, Chelsea Gomez, Jessica Lauer, Jenny Peters and Rachel Sherman for queen and Greg Adams, Mike Alexander, Ryan Kavalsky, Mike O'Rourke and Frank Pepe for king. Lauren Cohen and Ryan Kavalsky stood before an at-capacity Scotty Wood Stadium as King and Queen.

Also at 1:00 p.m. was the Mules Volleyball (6-11) versus Haverford (9-7) in the gymnasium. Freshman Tiffany Elliott had a career high 18 digs.

The Lady Mules (5-3-1) battled it out with Haverford (7-1-1) on the game field to a resulting 2-2 tie. The girls out-shot the Fords, controlling the field, but Haverford's goalie made some outstanding saves.

The Men's Soccer team (3-4-2) reached a scoreless tie against McDaniel (5-4-1). The game left the crowd hoarse with a shot by Wesley Deininger '08, to the top corner of the net with only 35 seconds left, but the goalie made a diving save to end the game.

Before the games, everyone was invited to attend the Departmental Open Houses. There, alumni and parents spoke with some of the staff about curriculum, what new programs have started or just have light conversation.

Everyone was also welcome to attend the Afternoon Festival, which was rained-out into Seeger's. There were live music performers, food, entertainment and family-friendly activities, but the bad weather hindered attendance.

Over 300 people pre-registered for the various events, but Shanahan says, "[Homecoming] is the type of event where people will see it's a nice day and will make the drive." Unfortunately, bad weather ensued, and many people who would have come for the later events missed out on the activities.

Current students and almuni could also spend the night on the dance floor at the Homecoming Dance. Not only was there damncing, but people could also ride a mechanical bull. This was where students could really just have fun with students past.

Shanahan said, "In the past [Homecoming] was something that everyone boiled down to a football game. It's more than that. It's a time to celebrate the community. It's for all ages and everyone."

LIFE! EDITOR'S PICKS OF THE WEEK

VIDEO GAME	***Star Wars: Battlefront*** Single and multi-player action. Choose whether you want to be Rebel, Imperial, Clone or droid. Wage war on ten different planets from the *Star Wars Trilogy*. This game has everything a *Star Wars* fan could want. By controlling vast armies and re-living your favorite battles from the movies the game sucks you in.	***The Editor Says:*** Let's face it. The best part about the Star Wars series is the battles. Forget that incestual love thing with Luke and Leia. This is just hard-core fighting. Give your inner wookie a treat.
MOVIE	***Wimbledon*** Boy meets girl. Boy and girl face obstacles to their relationship including girl's father. Boy has own personal journey to accomplish. The twist? This boy and girl are professional tennis players competing at one of the world's most prestigious tennis tournaments: Wimbledon.	***The Editor Says:*** Paul Bettany and Kirsten Dunst are great together. The film won't win awards, but it's enjoyable romantic fluff, a perfect way to spend a rainy afternoon.
CD	***Songs about Jane*** Maroon 5 The indie band is reborn with this rock, occasionally blues/funk, CD. This album is chock full of "millennium" hits with alluring tracks such as *Harder To Breathe* and *Sunday Morning*. This album sky-rocketed the band.	***The Editor Says:*** Fabulous. Rarely does a listener find an album in which all of the songs are enjoyable--even the two or three that are always on the radio don't lose their appeal.
BOOK	***Reading Lolita in Teheran*** by Azar Nafisi *Lolita* chronicals one professor's attempt to maintain her principles and her job in the new Iran ruled by the Ayatollah. She forms a secret class with a few of her students to read forbidden western classics, including *Lolita*.	***The Editor Says:*** Nafisi has written a beautiful memoir chronicling politics, literature, literary criticism and cultural change. Above all, it is a work of survival.

Thinking positively

Mule Profile: Sarah Fosdick

By Allison Auclair
SPORTS EDITOR

As captain of the Mules Field Hockey team, Senior Sarah Fosdick brings skill, knowledge and experience to the young, yet talented group. The 5'8 defender from Quechee, Vt. graduated from Hartford High School with varsity letters in both Field Hockey and Softball. Fosdick has been the top Mule defender this season, leading them to their current 7-3 record.

In addition to these team accomplishments, Fosdick has reached important personal milestones as well. She has started in every game of her collegiate career. In high school, Fosdick was All League her junior and senior year and All State her senior year.

Fosdick had the opportunity to show her skills overseas this summer; she was asked to play in a league in Australia for several weeks. Along with offensive teammate Senior Kristen Bruschi, Fosdick represented the division III U.S. team.

"It was a great experience to meet other college hockey players. We got to learn things about our teammates both on and off the field. It was an experience we will never forget, and I think it made Sarah a better leader and defender," said Bruschi.

Along with her personal success, Fosdick relies on her teammates to pull her through the tough times. "We are a team, and I would be nothing without my teammates. The team provides me with a constant support system, and I rely on them day in and day out to be there for me when I get down or am not as confident as I should be," Fosdick said.

She shows her dedication to her teammates by her hairstyle, which consists of ten different pony tails, sticking out at all angles of her head. Each ponytail that she makes represents a team member on the field.

Fosdick's teammates rely on her as well. "She is always there for us and knows exactly what is going on while on the field. She is always positive and motivates us to get ready for every game," said Sophomore Kate Moyer. "She is a wall defensively; no one can ever get by her. Overall, she is a real team player and a great captain, and it's easy to love Field Hockey when you get the chance to play with someone like her."

Remaining modest of her skill, Fosdick praises others. "Coach Eddinger has always supported me through the four years, and she is very encouraging as well as knowledgeable in the sport," Fosdick said, "We have a great time together, which is important because when you work really hard at practice, it is comforting to be surrounded by people [who] are always laughing and cheering you on."

MUHLENBERG
24

Sarah Fosdick, captain of the Field Hockey team, is the anchor of the Mule defense.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Along with her personal goals, Fosdick has many goals for the team to achieve this season. "I would love to see us go to Regionals and take the title. For me, the most exciting part of playing here is that our team is so young. We have a huge group of freshmen who are working very hard, and we have a group of good senior leaders," said Fosdick.

Aside from being the captain of a highly successful team, Fosdick is also a psychology major with a minor in math and takes her studies seriously.

"For me, the point of playing at a Division III school is to realize the importance of academics. Athletics aren't life, academics are, and what I love about Muhlenberg is the emphasis on the importance of classroom learning as well as involvement in athletics," Fosdick said. Her hopes for the future include teaching middle school and coaching Field Hockey.

During season, Fosdick makes sure to concentrate on Academics and Field Hockey.

The team is a family for Fosdick, and the dynamic that she shares with them is a big part of what enables her to achieve success. "Our team is small enough that we can really get to know each other and be sure to spend time together both on and off the field," she said.

Open House

Graduate Programs

Master of Education
Student Affairs in Higher Education
Elementary School Counseling
Secondary School Counseling
Secondary Education
- *Biology*
- *Curriculum & Instruction*
- *English*
- *Mathematics*
- *Social Studies*
Art Education
Elementary Education
Reading
Instructional Technology
Master of Social Work
Master of Arts
Counseling Psychology
- *Agency Counseling*
- *Marital And Family*
English
Master of Library Science
Master of Public Administration
Master of Science
Computer and Information Science
Electronic Media
Master of Business Administration

Wednesday, October 13 • 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Rm. 223 in the Kutztown University
McFarland Student Union

Please join Kutztown University's College of Graduate Studies for an informative open house. Offering over 20 master's programs, the prestigious graduate faculty will work to help you achieve your learning and professional goals. For more information or directions, call **610-683-4201**.

KUTZTOWN
UNIVERSITY

Knowledge=Power

Call us today for personal attention to your learning needs at **610-683-4201**, *or visit us online at* **www.kutztown.edu/academics/graduate/index.shtml**

Freshman Karim Assous tries to get past the defense of McDaniel.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Mules game ends in a draw

By Betsy Stoller
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

MEN'S SOCCER

It seems the Mules like to keep their crowd on their toes during home games. At their first home game in over twenty days, the Mules played McDaniel College in overtime, for a whole 110 minutes with a 0-0 draw outcome: the same result as their last home game.

The Mules dominated the game, out-shooting McDaniel 20-5. They had multiple chances to score: one attempt came from Junior James Henshaw in the 30th minute of play when his shot hit the left post.

The next close call came with less than 35 seconds left in the second overtime when Freshman Wesley Deininger rocketed a shot to the upper corner of the net, but because of a great save by the McDaniel goalie, it was tapped just above the goal.

Junior Adam Milberg attempted a shot off the rebound of Deininger's shot, but this shot was also saved.

Freshman defender Jonathan Kliewer commented about his teams play, "It was very frustrating because we played good defense, but we just couldn't get the ball in the net, and you can't win games if you don't score goals."

Kliewer, frustrated by the Mule's perfromance, said, "Overall, we dominated the game, but it was frustrating playing 110 minutes and not scoring any goals. We definitely should have beaten the team, but hopefully this will get us ready to win our next game against Swarthmore."

A total of three yellow cards were awarded during the game when the Mules frustrations were taken out on both several players as well as on the referee.

Senior goalie Chris Davis made three saves this game and earned his 22nd career shutout.

The Mules have played a total of four conference games; they fell to Johns Hopkins University and Franklin and Marshall College, beat Washington and tied McDaniel College, making their next Centennial Conference game vital to their standing in the Centennial Conference and the play-offs.

The Mules' next game is at Swarthmore on on Saturday.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
FIELD HOCKEY			at Dickinson at 11:30 a.m.			
FOOTBALL			at Dickinson at 1:00 p.m.			
GOLF					Muhlenberg Fall Classic at 12:00 p.m.	
WOMEN'S SOCCER	at Centenary at 4:00 p.m.					
MEN'S SOCCER			at Swarthmore at 7:00 p.m.			vs. Drew at 7:00 p.m.
MEN'S TENNIS		vs. East Stroudsburg at 3:30 p.m.		vs. Wilkes at 2:00 p.m.		
VOLLEYBALL			at McDaniel at 1:00 p.m.			vs. Gettysburg at 7:00 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

IN 1954, BOXERS AND WRESTLERS IN THE STATE OF INDIANA HAD TO SWEAR THEY WERE NOT COMMUNISTS.

(HTTP://WWW.TWEENS.INDIATIMES.COM/ARTICLESHOW/12770447.COM)

CONTACT

Kristen
zieg3527
@muhlenberg.edu

Allison
aauclair
@muhlenberg.edu

Robin
deci1827
@muhlenberg.edu

'Berg ties with Fords

By Tara DeMarzo
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

WOMEN'S SOCCER

For the past eleven Mules vs. Haverford College games, the game has been decided by only one goal. This time, however, the Mules diverted from their past, tying the undefeated Haverford College Fords in front of the Homecoming crowd.

Haverford came into the game 2-0 in the Centennial Conference, defeating both top-ranked John Hopkins University as well as Franklin & Marshall College.

The Mules came into the game with a record of 2-1 and ranked third.

"We came out strong, which is something we've been trying to do all season, and [then] put in an early goal, which got us going," said Senior Stacey Spector.

The Mules definitely started off on the right foot, sparked by an unassisted goal from Sophomore Kristen Cioeta a mere one minute 45 seconds into the game.

Haverford came back with a goal in the next four minutes, and the game remained tied until the end of the half when the Fords scored off of a tough shot to the top of the net.

The Fords were not up for very long, as Mules' Freshman Ashley Reed tied it up only one minute and 47 seconds into the second half with an unassisted goal. The score of the game thus reached 2-2.

Sophomore goalie Kayla Boisvert had an impressive six saves during the game. Boisvert is ranked eighth in the Centennial Conference for her save percentage. She has saved 25 shots and only let in eight goals. Her save average is .758.

Spector is second in the Centennial Conference with a .824 save average. She had fourteen saves and only let in three goals.

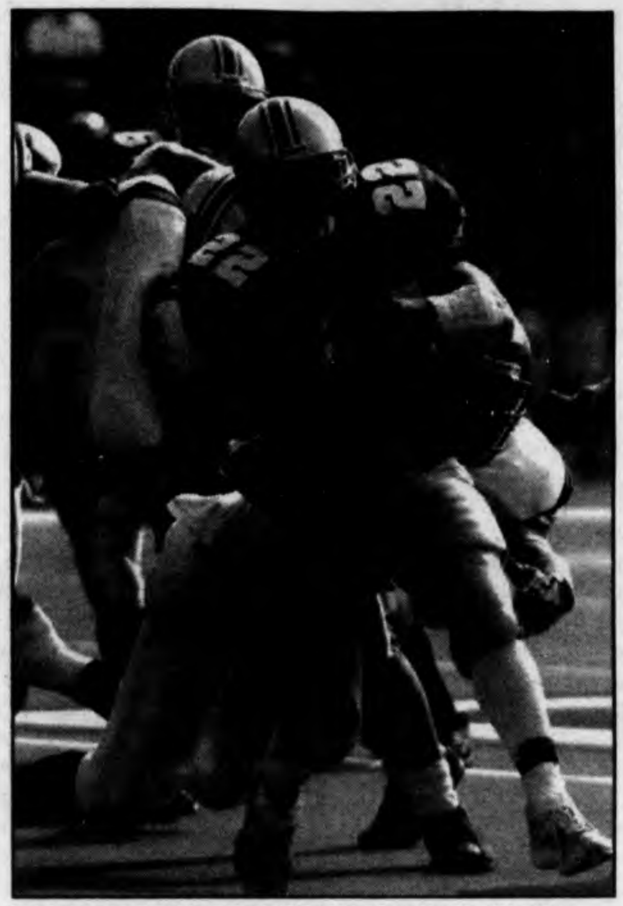
Good defense was matched with a dominating offense with 24 shots on goal and five corner kicks. The Fords shot fifteen shots on goal and two corner kicks.

"Haverford was a good team and able to come back," said Spector. The Mules dominated offensively, with 24 shots on goal and five corner kicks.

This game was their first tie of the season; the Mules are now 5-3-1 in regular season play and 2-1-1 in the Centennial Conference.

The Mules are currently placed third in Centennial Conference rankings.

Their next Centennial Conference match-up was Wednesday vs. Bryn Mawr College. Spector remains optimistic: "As long as the team continues to play together with a lot of heart, I see us doing very well this week."



Sophomore Jessica Hand battles for the ball in the Mules' game against Johns Hopkins.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Mules upset reigning champs

By Betsy Stoller
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

FIELD HOCKEY

When Senior Kristen Bruschi assisted one goal and scored another, she not only earned another personal record, but she also contributed to the Mules' substantial 3-0 win against reigning Centennial Conference champions, Johns Hopkins University.

Bruschi's assist was the sixteenth of her career, enabling her to tie the school record previously set by Carol Caine '00.

In terms of team play, the Mules and Blue Jays played an evenly matched, scoreless first half. In the second half, however, excepting the first ten minutes of play, the Mules completely dominated the field.

Twelve minutes into the half, after a scramble in front of the goal, the Mules sought a penalty stroke but were given a corner kick instead. They scored off of the corner when Sophomore Sara Levin deflected in a pass from Bruschi.

The next goal was scored with less than 15 minutes left in the second half when Bruschi tapped the ball in the goal off of a free hit from Junior Stephanie Light. The final goal was scored again by Bruschi off of a pass by Levin late in the second half.

Senior Captain Pam Coakley remarked on her team's big win, "After our loss against McDaniel, our first big conference game, we knew we had to work hard this week in practice."

"After we beat Haverford 5-0 earlier in the week, we went off of that high and convincingly beat Hopkins," Coakley said, "We worked hard and stepped it up this week, showing people we deserve to be in the playoffs."

Sophomore goalie Lauren Schram had a great game as well, making a total of three saves and gaining her tenth career shutout.

With this win, the Mules are now ranked fourth in the conference behind Ursinus College, Gettysburg College, and Franklin and Marshall College.

Junior midfielder Steph Light, commented on her team's play and their upcoming games, "There was a really good team attitude going into the game: we were really pumped up to play, and that followed and showed on the field."

"We took Johns Hopkins out of their game," Light continued. "I hope we can go into the rest of our games with the same confidence and excitement because that will help us continue our winning streak."

The Mules play next against Dickinson College.

'Berg loses matches

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

VOLLEYBALL

The Mules, who are now 6-11, dropped two matches last week. The first loss was to the Moravian College Greyhounds, while the second came from the Blue Jays of Johns Hopkins University.

Against Moravian, the Mules dropped the first set (30-23) but quickly rebounded and won the second match, 30-26. However, the Mules could not keep up the momentum and lost the next two sets (30-19, 30-16).

Junior Julie Lauro recorded a double-double with fourteen kills and ten digs.

"It was a tough match, only because we were working hard, but the pieces were not fitting together in order to give us the win," Lauro said.

Freshman Tiffany Elliot also recorded a double-double with 26 assists and eleven digs.

"Tiffany is one of our most solid players, and the fact that she is young is a definite plus for her career. She is also hard-working during practices and in games, and I think she will do great things for Muhlenberg volleyball both this season and in the future," Lauro said.

Junior Jen Wiest contributed eighteen digs while Sophomore Monica Sella added five blocks.

After a day's rest, the team took their only Centennial Conference match of the weekend versus Johns Hopkins University.

Initially, the Mules were having a hard time, dropping the first game 30-20. They then bounced back in the second game and were playing well but fell short again, unable to record a win.

The Mules lost the next two games against the Blue Jays by close margins (30-27, 30-28).

Lauro led the team in kills once again with 19, and Elliot set a career high eighteen digs.

Junior Mary Henning led the Mules in assists with 37.

"Despite the losses, I think we are really beginning to come together as a team. Of course, there are always many difficult points along the road, but I think that overall, we are improving with each day," Henning said.

Junior Jen Weist led the Mules in digs with 17, while Lauro recorded 14 digs and Freshman Megan Young finished the game with 11. Sophomore Kate Haggerty aided the Mules with 3 aces as well.

Rookie Freshman Tiffany Elliot believes that the team must be improved upon, but the most important factor that needs to be focused upon is their mentatlity.

"We have such an athletic team and have so much potential--physically, that is," Elliot said. "We just have to mentally get it together this week and play smart volleyball, and I am sure that we will do really well."

The Mules will be looking to get it together and pick up an important Conference win against McDaniel College this Saturday.

The Mules record is now 0-3 in the Centennial Conference.

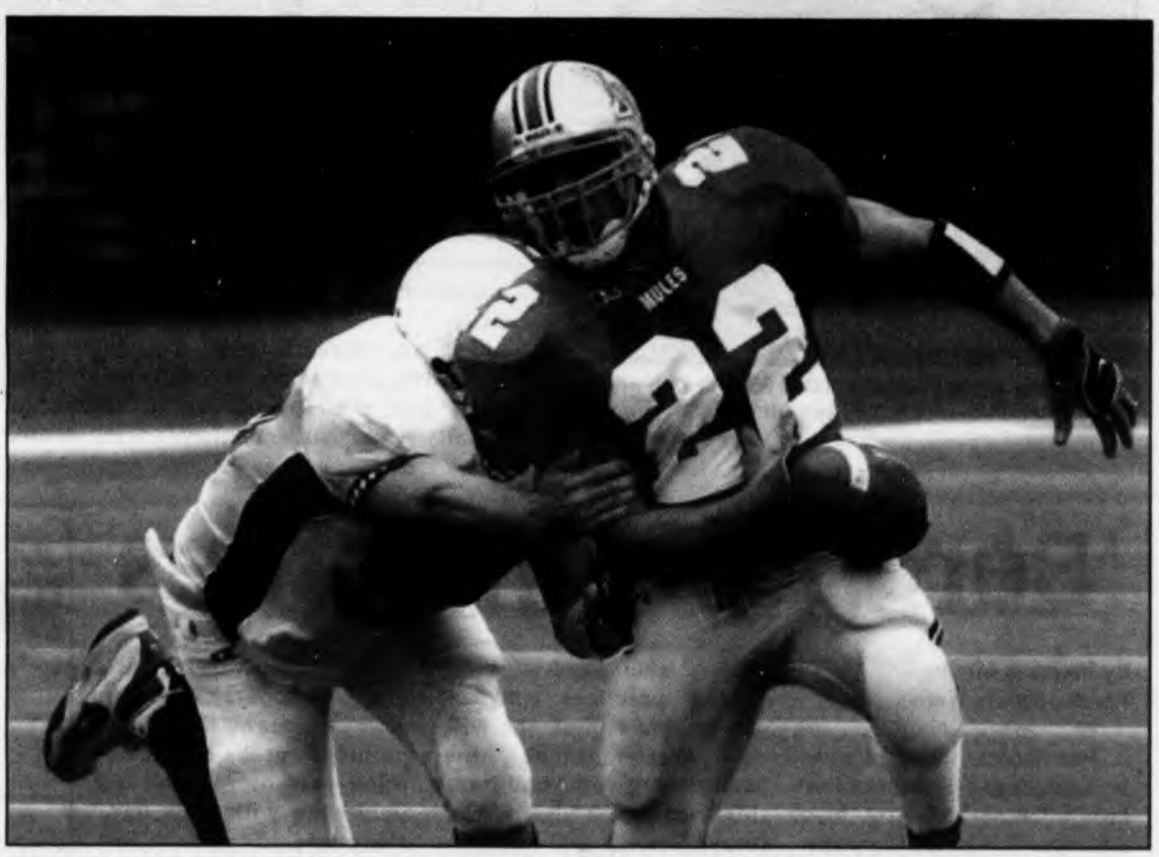
Decision 2004:
Why the Middle East Matters
A lively and informative debate about the 2004 Presidential election, Israel, and the Middle East.
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 14th
HAAS CONFERENCE
CENTER 7:00 pm
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

My First Time:
Perspectives on Visiting Israel
STARRING
PRESIDENT HELM
PROVOST HASS
PROFESSOR GOSSAI
RABBI TORCZYNER
WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 27th
7:00 pm
Hosted by the President at his house!!
SPACE IS LIMITED TO 30 STUDENTS!!!!
RSVP TO x3270 BY OCTOBER 25th
TO RESERVE *YOUR* SEAT!!

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Mules dominate play but come up short



Freshman Ross Tanner commits one of the three Muhlenberg fumbles in their loss to Frankin and Marshall.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

By Allison Marman
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

FOOTBALL

The Mules (3-1, 0-1) left disappointment in the hearts of their fans and eachother as they took a surprising, unexpected fall to the Franklin & Marshall College Diplomats (4-1, 1-0).

Although they dominated both the rushing and passing game, the Mules were still at the losing end of this 15-10 match.

The Mules scored two points after a 29 yard field goal by Senior Brian Hendershot mid-way through the first quarter.

They held onto the lead until the start of the second quarter.

The kick was set up mere seconds after Senior linebacker Dan Walker forced a fumble, which was then recovered by Junior Mark Bennett.

The Diplomats tied it up with a 38 yard field goal and later took the lead when they were able to convert an 89 yard interception into a touchdown.

With the Mules down 3-9, the half came to a close, and half-time production took the field.

The half-time show, which included a show from the Homecoming Court, the Perkulators and the Cheerleaders, pumped up the crowd, and the Mules took the field for the second half with fans in high spirits.

The Mules continued to move the ball as they had in the first half, out-gaining the Diplomats 375-129.

Similar to the first half, the Mules could not convert their yardage to points, and Franklin and Marshall College took back control, adding to their lead with their only offensive touchdown at the end of the third quarter.

Fortunately, an interception by Junior Justin Adair on a two-point conversion attempt kept Franklin and Marshall's lead to a minimum, and the quarter came to a close.

Well into the fourth quarter, a 22 yard touchdown pass from Senior Nick Rosetti to Junior Antoine Williams narrowed the gap on the scoreboard.

In four "red-zone" situations, this ended up being the only time the Mules saw the endzone.

The Diplomats, whose offense is rated as the best in the Centennial Conference, had a difficult time moving the ball against Mules' defense, which is ranked third in the Centennial Conference.

'Berg defense held the Diplomats for an average of about half-yard per carry, and the Diplomats ended the game with only seventeen rushing yards.

The Diplomats earned only one first down in the first half, and seven in the entire game. They did manage about 100 passing yards, but most came in the final quarter of the game.

Walker recorded three sacks for the second game in a row, and Bennett had a sack among his team-leading nine tackles.

The Mules dominated the offensive game. The Diplomats, however, were provided with opportunity through a total of three turnovers, one of which was converted into a touchdown, and new injuries to the Mules.

After replacing fellow Senior running back Mark Mrkobrad, who fell after injuring his ankle and foot, Senior Jason Spencer suffered his own injury in the third quarter.

This injury occurred after he rushed for a game-high of 90 yards on a mere eighteen carries.

With about three minutes left to play, the Mules regained possession, driving from their own 25 yard-line to the Diplomats' four yard-line in a valiant attempt at a last minute score.

A 36 yard reception by Williams left the Mules in good position, but a failed running play, an incomplete pass and scramble by Rosetti, left them with only seven and a half seconds on the clock, with fourth down at the six.

A short pass to DiMattina looked promising, but the Diplomats quickly tackled him, ending the game in a Diplomats' win.

Breaking up their three-game winning streak, the Mules will look to Dickinson to start a new one.

Sophomore Chris Giannini could not reach the pass from Nick Rosetti in their loss.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Inside Sports

Mules top champions
page 15
Mules tie game 0-0
page 13

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Democratic Congressional Candidate Joe Driscoll spoke at the College during a campaign rally.
page 6

Inside

Matt Nathanson's second appearance at the College goes over extremely well with Student Body.
page 11

VOLUME CXXIV, ISSUE 6 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2004

Crime wave raises concerns

Campus Safety and APD increase patrols

By Laura Russell
News Editor

While most students may consider themselves to be well protected, a recent increase in local crime that has affected members of the Campus Community has raised deep concerns and questions among students and their parents regarding safety.

In addition to the incident in which two students were robbed at gunpoint in September, three additional crimes were committed involving students in early October.

On Oct. 7, an off-campus student residence located on 22nd Street was broken into and burglarized.

According to a resident of the house who wishes to remain anonymous, the "dead-bolted basement door was kicked in," and the assailants wandered through the house, including a room in which one of her housemates was sleeping.

They then entered the room of the student who was not home: "they took money in my room and left the back door open when they left," she stated.

According to the student, Campus Safety and the Allentown Police Department's (APD) responses were less than adequate.

"They both took a while to arrive, and APD was extremely inaccessible and rude," she said.

The student explained that Campus Safety's service, however, did improve as the day progressed. "They helped secure our house, even though it is off campus. We really appreciated all of the time they spent with us, teaching us how to update security on our house and checking up on us," she said.

On the following evening of Oct. 8, two students were robbed of their purses outside of the Tremont Apartments, and on Oct. 9 students reported that non-students in the vicinity of Moyer Hall were harassing them.

Campus Safety arrived at the scene of the harassment incident and was able to detain the individuals who were identified by the victims and then arrested by APD.

Although Campus Safety officers routinely patrolled Tremont in addition to the rest of the area, they have "stepped up patrol now," according to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security.

According to Randy Helm,

SEE **CRIME** | PAGE 6

Council expands representatives

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

This year's Student Council elections were slightly different than in previous years. Instead of electing six representatives per class, seven were chosen.

Mike Yellin '05 said, "I think expanding the student representation on Council was long overdue and will greatly ease the work burden on the current members while bringing in a better representation of students."

The student officers for the Class of 2008 selected on the Oct. 11 election are as follows. Scott Gordon is President, Brian Galgano is Vice President, Elisa Zaehringer is Treasurer and Jennifer Weaver is Secretary.

The Class of 2008 representatives are Lisa Harrison, Benjamin Kanigel, Blaine McFeeley, Anna Petrie, Gregory Rose, Michelle Yost and Matthew Sones.

Yellin said, "The class that was elected is a dynamic and exciting group who I think will be amazing at leading this Student Body into the future."

According to Yellin, this year's election marked the highest voter turnout in student election history.

Most of the first-year students elected into Student Council had been involved in their high schools' Student Councils.

Yost said the voting process at the College was "much more intense than in high school, but it was a lot of fun for me."

She explained that the process made her go out and meet people since she needed to introduce herself to her classmates near the beginning of the semester.

Yost also said the newly elected representatives "want to help our grade make our four years enjoyable and try to represent everyone."

SEE **COUNCIL** | PAGE 6

The MCEMS organzied a mock drunk driving accident on Oct. 15 in which the Allentown Fire Department participated.

Photo by Rob Kandel

EMS performs mock event

By Jeremy Duncan
Weekly News Writer

Drugs and alcohol are topics of discussion and concern on college campuses throughout the country.

Choice Week is meant to be a way to raise awareness and get students to think about their actions.

At the College, Choice Week began Oct. 10 and ran until Oct. 15.

It included over a dozen activities from sports to speakers, which stressed in its reading material and events "the choice to either abstain from alcohol and other drugs or to abstain from other drug use and to drink responsibility."

There were several different events available to students throughout the week. Jim Matthews, for example, spoke on Monday about "Beer, Booze, & Books" in the Miller Forum.

According to Kate Arney-Cimino '05, "Overall, he had good information. He had potential, but needed a unique way to present it."

Ashley Kramer '05 said that his presentation was "all information we'd heard before. I was not impressed."

. There was one event that stood out in many students'

SEE **EMS** | PAGE 9

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

Responsibility lies in residency

LIVING AT A COLLEGE IN A SWING STATE COMPLICATES THE VOTING OF students at the College and nationwide. Approximately 70 percent of the over 400 students who registered to vote through the registration drives on campus relinquished their residency privileges in other states and registered as Pa. residents in order to vote in Pa. The desire to register in Pa. is reflective of the swing state status of Pa. and the resultant possibility that each vote will have more weight in Pa. Registering as a Pennsylvanian, however, is more complicated than merely checking a box. By registering in Pa., students forfeit not only their right to vote in another state, but also their residency in another state. According to state law as cited in *The Morning Call*'s recent article "Registering to vote might cost state aid" by Christina Gostomski, "A student who registers in a state other than the commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be deemed to have abandoned his domicile in Pennsylvania and shall be ineligible for consideration for a state scholarship or renewal thereof or any further payments thereon unless and until such student registers to vote in... Pennsylvania." This law is similar in other states including Delaware and Maryland, directly relating to students at the College from those states. These laws were not advertised at the tables in Seegers Union.

While this is not our permanent home, students live around campus more out of the year than at home. Students also play a large part in the surrounding community through community service projects that link us to local issues, paying occupations that result in taxes paid to Pa. and consumerism throughout the Allentown area that contributes to the economic wealth of the area. Because of these deep connections to Pa., students have a complicated position regarding what state should hold their residency.

Those students who choose to register as Pa. residents in order to reap the privilege of Pa. residents to vote in this swing state should also take on the other innate responsibilities that come along with such status including being a responsible and active member of the community, caring about the issues of this state and not attempting to take the benefits of other states in which they have revoked residency including state funding for their education.

Response to hazing article

To the Editor:

Ms. Arney-Cimino, thank you very much for sharing information about the tragic death of Lynn "Gordie" Bailey with the Muhlenberg community. In our busy daily lives, it is important that we occasionally pause and reflect on life itself.

You quite appropriately condemn this act of hazing. Hazing has no place in a new member education (what you refer to as pledging) or in the initiation or ritual practices of Greek organizations.

If you review the guidelines of all nationally recognized fraternities and sororities, you would find that all of them condemn these practices and have strong penalties in place for violators. I feel that some of your readers may have the impression that hazing is only a Greek problem and that the College's policies are focused only in this one area.

You erroneously stated in your article that the College "outlawed hazing." Actually, PA General Assembly Act 175 outlawed hazing. In reading that Act, you will find that the law applies not only to Greek letter organization, but to any organization establishing conditions or action required for new or continued membership that place the participant in harm's way or cause damage to public or private property ([PS] subsection 5352). The College is complying with the law.

I cannot speak for how the issues of hazing is dealt with in sports teams, performance groups or other student clubs, but would point out that all members of the Muhlenberg community are bound to the "Anti-Hazing Policy" that is found in the Student Policy and Information Guide (pp.30-32).

I am concerned when I read that you have been assured that hazing does not occur at Muhlenberg; I for one cannot make that statement and assure you of its validity. I can tell you that all members of Greek leadership are aware of the seriousness of hazing. Each chapter signs a statement acknowledging Act 175.

SEE LETTERS | PAGE 4

Letters to the Editor:

Tartuffe review misses the mark

To the Editor:

As a Theatre and Dance double major, I am here to learn how to cultivate the qualities I will need in my professional life, and every professor here has told me what I need to do in order to succeed – I need to fail. Muhlenberg is a safe place to take those risks. When John Dunphy wrote his review of *Tartuffe,* he forgot that part.

As I read his article, I was appalled by his unethical, misleading review. I only took Journalism for three years in high school, and even then, we were told that to write reviews that criticize the artistic efforts of other students is unethical because negative reviews can possibly hinder the learning process, dismantling efforts for that student to grow. Beyond the lack of this simple decency, I couldn't help but wonder where so many of these criticisms came from.

Several times, Dunphy referred to the writing of the play in "prose" when it is written in verse, and he called Moliére's work an 18th Century play instead of a 17th Century play.

If the reviewer is getting even these facts wrong, what are all of his negative comments founded on? When he calls the first scene "sluggish," and "lacking energy," as a reader, I wonder why he thinks this and something tells me Dunphy doesn't know either.

Also, Dunphy misleads his readers by not stating that he saw the show during dress rehearsal with a practically empty audience. Therefore he reviewed part of the rehearsal process and couldn't mention how audiences have been uproariously laughing and applauding during scenes which he described as "weak."

Clearly this is a review, so it is one opinion, but without the context of those strong words, how can we decide if his opinion is valuable or not? But how could I expect a fair review from a writer who reviews all male characters and does not even mention one female?

In conclusion, I beg *The Weekly* to develop more ethical procedures. If you must allow Dunphy to write a review, please counter it with another review that will provide evidence for such claims.

In college, we are learning how to positively contribute to the world that is ahead of us – and I urge readers, theatre-goers and editors alike to evaluate the difference between careless writing and legitimate reviews.

--Courtney Romano
Class of 2006

All children deserve equality in schools

To the Editor:

As a resident of PA and a product of PA's public schools, I am appalled at the lack of equity in finance and opportunities for children within this school system and the apathy which surrounds these relevant issues.

I am currently a senior at Muhlenberg College and have recently begun looking into these injustices.

Did you know that according to Education Week's, 2004 Quality Counts Report, "Pennsylvania has been ranked the second worst state in the nation for efforts to close the gap between wealthy and poor districts?"

Were you aware of the fact that according to Jack Wagner, State Senator (Pittsburgh) "Pennsylvania spends 18 percent less per child [on public education] than the national average?"

So, as citizens of Pennsylvania, what are we going to do about this? We at Muhlenberg College, in conjunction with Good Schools Pennsylvania and Weinberg Tzedek (Justice) Hillel, have formed a committee of students dedicated to advocating on behalf of the students in PA's public schools.

In an effort to do this, we are currently holding a letter writing campaign to Governor Edward Rendell urging him to make good on his promise to see the State Constitution amended to include language which will hold the state accountable for the education of its children.

The state currently only contributes around 35 percent of funding for public schools, which is down from a prior (and recommended) 50 percent.

These children are our future; we can no longer perpetuate a cycle of inequality.

Equal opportunity for all children is our goal--for the good of the children, and for the good of everyone.

--Kimberly Zafran
Class of 2005

Everyday is Make a Difference Day at the college

Amy Cookson
Asst. OP/ED Editor

In high school, for Make a Difference Day, which is the fourth Saturday of October, each homeroom would bring in canned food and other dry goods to donate to the local food bank.

Friday morning, the entire school would gather outside on the football field, and each homeroom would organize the goods they had gathered into sculptures or messages pertaining to making a difference. Some homerooms would have wheelbarrows full of cans of soup and boxes of pasta whereas other groups would have a insignficant pile of food. But overall, the school always considered the day a success.

Now that I've graduated high school and am no longer required to collect canned goods or perform community service hours to graduate, I try to make a difference everyday. Everyday, at every computer at which I sit down, I click onto The Hunger Site, The Breast Cancer Site, The Child Health Site, The Rainforest Site and The Animal Rescue Site. A daily click, or even five daily clicks, does not take a lot of time, and every little bit helps.

Each of us, as individuals, can do a little to help.

The little acts do matter, and I believe they will help to someday change the world. We may not cure breast cancer in my lifetime, rescue all of the abandoned and abused animals or feed all of the hungry people, but we should not give up because the task is daunting. We as a society would accomplish very little if we only attempted tasks with objectives that could be met relatively quickly. We must follow Eleanor Roosevelt's advice and do the things we think we cannot do.

Each of us, as individuals, can do a little to help. Once I began looking, I realized there are many individuals here at the College working to ameliorate some situation or another and make a difference, not only on the fourth Saturday of October, but the other 364 days of the year.

Earlier this month, members of Students Advocating Gender Equality (SAGE), set up a table in Seegers to raise money for Turning Point, a domestic violence shelter and advocacy organization here in the Allentown area. Members of the College Community, including SAGE members and members of the Women's Lacrosse team, participated in Turning Point's Step-Out, raising over $1,600.

Habitat for Humanity has had a chapter at Muhlenberg for a number of years. Ben Simson '04, President of Habitat for Humanity, explained that the club members "help families who can't afford [houses] get [them]...We try to raise a lot of money, and we donate it to the local chapter." So far this year, they have participated in three work dates, and Simson said there are more planned for November.

For those who cannot give their time, pecuniary contributions are always welcome. Le Cercle Francais set up a table to raise money for Project Pierre Toussaint, which provides housing and education for homeless boys in Haiti. Emily Yedowitz '05, said the club raised over $300.00 as well as a chapel donation. Yedowitz said the club members, "were really impressed with the amount of money we raised and the generosity of the faculty and students."

The organizers of Dance for a Cure were also pleased with the enthusiasm of the College. The

SEE **DAY** | PAGE 4

Students switch into parent mode

Kate Arney-Cimino
Weekly Columnist

Before Muhlenberg, most of us had been under the shelter of our parents' roofs and very dependentupon them. However, after our parents dropped us off and went to the chapel to listen to a lecture on "letting go," we became socially independent. Law sixteen in *The 48 Laws of Power* a informative book by Robert Greene dictates to "use absence to increase respect and honor." I think going away to college exemplifies this law perfectly.

Most students will say that after leaving home, their relationships with their parents improved. Of course they did! Law sixteen: absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Students go into parental mode. It's almost like the regional boss is coming to see that this branch of the company is doing well.

The month of October is interesting for Muhlenberg students because it involves great amounts of role reversal. We have Fall Break at which point, for the first-year students, a large mass of minivans and station wagons pull up, and parents help students move the contents of their dorm back home for the three days in which they will wash their children's clothes and feed them lots of leafy, green vegetables.

For the upperclassmen, Fall Break involves a drive home above 80 miles an hour interrupted with several phone calls from a parental unit with weather and traffic report advisories. We won't admit it, but we can't wait to see these people whom we claim drive us crazy.

The upperclassmen breaks are spent doing laundry and going out to eat in a healthy manner. Suddenly, we must become dependent again. Three days later, we are back at school where we stay up all night doing the work we should have done during the time that we chose to eat out all of those nights. Finally, by the end of the week, we are back to our socially self-sufficient college selves and the schedule that this entails.

However, in just a few weeks, it is Family Weekend—a time during which many of our parents come to us and witness us in our natural environment. Now we the students are the ones on the phone making sure our parents are driving in the correct direction and telling our parents that, no, they cannot wear their matching "Muhlenberg Mom and Dad" sweatshirts when they visit.

Students go into parental mode. It's almost like the regional boss is coming to see that this branch of the company is doing well. After the parents leave, we try to slip out of parental mode as quickly as possible.

Robert Greene, in law sixteen, says that we should create "value through scarcity." All these years we took home-cooked food and free toothpaste for granted; now we see the true value in eating all of our salad. How many of us eat better at school than we do at home?

Also, our parents took our presence for granted and almost step into the role of the spoiling grandparents when we do see them. There is very little fighting, and everyone is on their best behavior, to cherish these few moments we have together.

Yet, usually by the last day of break, we are going 80 miles per hour in the opposite direction excited to resume our lives without parental supervision. When we see our parents this weekend, we should say thank-you for being gone and for letting us go away. But at the same time, we should thank them for coming back, because now we understand their true value.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Managing Editor
Ben Veghte, Asst. Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
OPEN, OP/ED Editor
John Dunphy, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
Julie Strasser, Focus Editor
Rob Kandel, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Business Manager
Michelle Quirk, Asst. News Editor
Kate Arney-Cimino, Amy Cookson, Max Lux, Asst. OP/ED Editors
OPEN, Asst. Life! Editor
Robin DeCicco, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Johnny Canneto, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Sveta Shah, Chrissy Culotta, Copy Editors
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2004. All rights reserved.

DAY | FROM PAGE 3

dance was attended by nearly 500 people and around $2700 was raised.

Anyone who checked their mailbox before Fall Break found a letter informing them that four women at Muhlenberg were organizing a Glass Slipper Project here on campus. On Dec. 4, underprivileged girls will be invited to "shop" in Moyer Hall for their prom attire. From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., organizers will have a showcase of the items, as well as refreshments, music and raffle prizes for manicures and trips to the hair salon. Until December, Betsy Stoller '06, Dee Ross '06, Adrienne Verbich '06 and Rachel Feinberg '06, are collecting formal dresses, shoes, jewelry and other accessories. Explained Stoller, "We know it is a goal of this college to extend a hand to the local community. We thought this idea was unique, and it would also be for us to be involved with Allentown, but also to get faculty and students involved as well."

Stoller says they have received a number of dresses, as well as some jewelry, purses and other accessories, but they are hoping for more and will be collecting items through November. All dresses and accessories not taken will be donated to underprivileged people. These groups are not the only people working to make a difference at the college. They are representative of a much larger movement of dedicated, caring individuals.

Carol Shiner-Wilson, Dean of Students, who is on the Board of Directors at Turning Point, raises money for Step-Out and participates each year, believes the College "has an incredibly generous heart... Muhlenberg students, without prompting, are finding ways to make the world better."

Margaret Mead may not have been thinking of Muhlenberg when she correctly proclaimed "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has," but her sentiments are highly applicable to our College Community. We should be proud.

Don't be a 'trendy' voter

Jason Klein
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

When talking politics with the majority of young voters, their knowledge of the subject they attempt to speak intelligently about is equivalent to that of a second grader's interpretation of *Paradise Lost*.

The problem with young people today is that they've allowed Hollywood and the media to inhibit their ability to think independently; they look to media to highlight the latest trends. They choose to follow suit with the great scholars of our generation such as "President" Martin Sheen, who would have attended college had he not failed the entrance exam to the University of Dayton (Ohio).

Hollywood tells us (in between their shameless self-advancing plugs) that President Bush is a liar, and that America is fighting a war for no reason. These are the same actors who go on vigilante rampages in their movies who are now preaching that the vicious murder of 3,000 innocent Americans is no reason to fight. Ignore the mass graves we've discovered in Iraq, ignore the children's prisons and torture chambers, ignore the thousands of terrorists threats we've eliminated; Hollywood says there is no reason to fight!

> *What alternatives are there to violence? I would enlist in the army before I would be willing to give a terrorist with a bomb strapped to his chest a big giant hug.*

Actors preach about honesty and morals as the tabloids bust them doing drugs, drinking and driving, all while cheating on whom their publicist has told the public they are "seeing." Where are the morals of Hollywood outside of words? Why don't we hear about actors making millions of dollars donating a portion of that money to a charity other than their own bank accounts?

I wouldn't proclaim to know the first thing about acting in an important scene without first experiencing it hands-on. I would be called ignorant and naïve for making such a bold statement. Why then is it acceptable for Hollywood to tell us we need a change in America, our troops are miserable and Iraq was a catastrophic disaster? They have not been to Iraq, or they would see

SEE LETTERS | PAGE 4

STSTRAVEL.COM
Join America's #1 Student Tour Operator
CANCUN
ACAPULCO
JAMAICA
BAHAMAS
FLORIDA
SPRING BREAK 2005
Sell Trips, Earn Cash, Go Free!
Now Hiring On-campus Reps
Call for group discounts
STS STUDENT TRAVEL SERVICES
1-800-648-4849 / www.ststravel.com

LETTERS | FROM PAGE 2

All new members sign a statement agreeing to report acts of hazing.

Still, there can be one or two members how just don't "get it," or a group that believes that "tradition" is more important than common sense, and they may bring about the unfortunate set of circumstances that Gordie found himself in. As you point out in your article, it would be impractical to assign a police officer to every member of a group to ensure that they aren't hazing.

Therefore, we must rely on the integrity of every organization member as an adult, and perhaps more so as a human being, to do the right thing when it comes to the "rites of passage" for membership. If members fail to meet this expectation, they must be dealt with swiftly and to the fullest extent of the law.

Thank you again for addressing this important topic.

Appreciatively,

--Chris Jachimowicz
Director Student Leadership
Development & Greek Affairs

Draft letter is mistaken

To the Editor:

In the Sept. 30 edition of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, Daryl Altman and Rob Shepard wrote that "At this very moment there are twin bills in Congress, S.89 and H.R.163, which if passed, will reinstitute the draft" and that "If the U.S. continues its current program, you will be spending junior year abroad catching bullets in Baghdad."

The authors provided this information to encourage young Americans to vote in the Presidential election, presumably for John Kerry, or more realistically, against President Bush.

On Oct. 5 the House of Representatives rejected H.R. 163 by a vote of 402 to 2. Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY), who sponsored the bill, voted against it. S.89 has not yet been voted on, but I would be surprised if it got one vote in the Senate, especially considering that the House bill had 14 cosponsors, and the senate bill had none. Altman and Shepard are using partisan scare tactics in order to sway the election.

Stop the hype. There will be no draft.

--Luke Tomanelli
Class of 2004

Well done, *Weekly*

To the Editor:

As a parent of a sophomore student and avid reader, kudos to your staff for the consistently well written paper. You tackle issues like the Colorado Bailey matter forthrightly and sensitively.

Suggestion: underage drinking in Pennsylvania is a legally stigmatizing offense which sooner or later will kill a student or innocent third party. Why doesn't the College really get tough and adopt a three strike and you are out principle? Two stiff monetary fines ($500 and $1,000 for drinking to excess on campus) and a semester expulsion for the third occurence. The Allentown DAs office should also be invited in to address students in an all hands meeting.

Kudos for also making us aware of the armed assaults on campus. Keep up the pressure on Security to remain a late night presence on campus and on your student readers to increase vigilance. I'm elated at the quality of the college overall for our daughter and the service of building a positive community provided by your staff writers.

---D. Richard Froelke
Parent '07

Make your family proud
Write for Op/Ed!!

Contact Amy Cookson
x4023

ARCact@aol.com

VOTE | FROM PAGE 4

the difference.

Why is it that we don't see any interviews on the news of an Iraqi expressing their gratitude towards America? Instead, we see actors expressing their hatred for America because violence is not the answer, and Saddam had nothing to do with 9/11. What alternatives are there to violence? I would enlist in the army before I would be willing to give a terrorist with a bomb strapped to his chest a big giant hug.

We are not dealing with normal people in this war. We are dealing with pure evil: a group of people who celebrate after murdering innocent people and are monetarily awarded for suicide bombings.

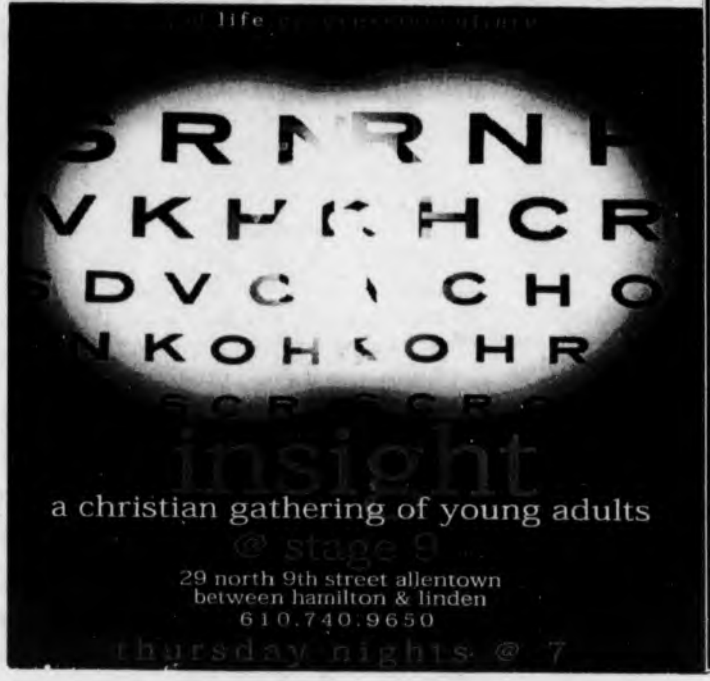
Saddam harbored terrorists, he paid money to the suicide bombers' families and he misled weapons inspectors for 12 years. He has been terrorizing his own people for years; ask the thousands of children who were beaten daily in Saddam's prisons, who were forced to live in a cell with no bathroom, who were lucky to have one meal a day, if Saddam was innocent. We did not find Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq; that's a misstatement. We found Saddam Hussein, one of the most dangerous weapons of all.

I challenge all young voters to think for themselves. We have the benefit of higher education, which aids us in our ability to make intelligent decisions. We have the brain power to ignore force-fed campaign rhetoric and think for ourselves without scripts to tell us what to do.

It frightens me that in such an important election many young people will be voting with only what they've seen on MTV or heard from a true American hero such as Eminem.

Despite the way it seems, we are not voting for a prom queen; this is not a popularity contest. We are electing the leader of the free world. Try and rid your mind of the rhetoric brain-washing; vote for who you believe can best serve this country.

Despite its appeal, voting isn't trendy or cool; it is the most important thing Americans do each year. Don't waste your vote on a trend. Trends have a habit of dying very quickly.


life
SRNRNH
VKHCHCR
DVC CHO
NKOHOHR
insight
a christian gathering of young adults
@ stage 9
29 north 9th street allentown
between hamilton & linden
610.740.9650
thursday nights @ 7

Library Notices

Library notices are now being sent to your Muhlenberg email address.

Forwarded email is not always successfully transferred and bounces back to your Muhlenberg address.

Campus policy requires that students regularly check their muhlenberg.edu accounts.

DISABILITIES AWARENESS WEEK 2004 November 1 - November 5

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Noon-1pm Rooms 108-110, Student Union
Brown Bag: Clif Kussmaul
"Creative Technology"

7pm Trexler Pavillion, Baker Center for the Arts
Bill Shannon "Crutchmaster"
Dance Performance
You will not want to miss his unique performances as he "dances" using his crutches.

9pm Lobby, Student Union
Movie "Radio"

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Noon-1pm Rooms 108-110, Student Union
Brown Bag: Dan Wilson
"Rethinking Time and Space from a Disability Perspective"

Noon Lobby, Student Union
Movie "Radio"

CUBA GOODING, JR. as "Radio"

9pm Miller Forum, Moyer Hall
Coach Harold Jones and "Radio" Presentation (reception to follow)
Coach Harold Jones, portrayed by Ed Harris in the movie "Radio" (along with Radio) will speak on understanding people with disabilities! His positive message of selflessness and understanding is a talk you won't want to miss!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Noon-1pm Rooms 108-110, Student Union
Brown Bag: Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired
Vision Screening Presentation

11:30am-1:30pm Parents Plaza & Lobby, Student Union
Demonstrations by The Seeing Eye Professional Guide Dog Trainers and puppies from local Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Clubs.

7pm Field House, Life Sports Center
Wheelchair Basketball
Allentown Freewheelers vs Muhlenberg students & staff

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

11am-Noon & Noon-1 Rooms 108-110, Student Union
Brown Bag (2 sessions):
Bobby Torres "Adaptive Technology"

4:30pm Trumbower 130
Sponsored by Faculty Center for Teaching
"Educating Grover" (original play by Tade Reen'99)
A panel discussion with Mark Sciutto, Sally Richwine, and Jeff Rudski following the film.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Noon-1pm Rooms 108-110, Student Union
Brown Bag:
Sam Laposata "ADA and Employment"
Callin Pachter "Career Development"

7pm Miller Forum, Moyer Hall
Curtis Pride
(Professional Baseball Player)
Presentation on his experience as a deaf athlete.
(Reception to Follow)

9pm Garden Room, Student Union
Karaoke for a Kause (Sponsored by the Class '06)

THANK YOU TO ALL THE SPONSORS WHO HAVE MADE THIS EDUCATIONAL WEEK POSSIBLE

Disability Services
Office of the President
Dean for Academic Life
Biology Department
Psychology Department
Offfice of Community Service
Faculty Center for Teaching
Dean of Students Office
Sociology/Anthropology Department
Campus Safety & Security
Office of Academic Support Services
MAC/Student Activities
The Wescoe School of Continuing Studies
Comfort Suites of Allentown
Theater & Dance Department
Athletic Department
Humanities Seminar
Panhellenic Council
Library
Counseling
Delta Zeta
Multicultural Life
Chapel
Admissions Office
Sodexho, Inc. & Affiliates
Office of the Provost
Health Center
Philosophy Department
Muhlenberg Bookstore
Newman Club
Human Resources
Student Council
Classes of '05, '06, '07, '08

CRIME

FROM PAGE 1

President of the College, the recent crime wave has not been targeting Muhlenberg students, but is "part of a broader up-tick in armed robbery in Allentown."

Lieutenant Daryl Hendricks of APD said, "Officers have made several arrests in the past couple of weeks."

"We can increase the number of officers on night duty, 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., from three to six."

Lieutenant Daryl Hendricks, Allentown Police Department

Although the individuals arrested were not necessarily the assailants involved in the Muhlenberg crimes, Hendricks stated that they are all questioned about it in order to gain further information.

Helm said additional officers from APD have been hired so that "we can increase the number of officers on night duty, 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., from three to six."

Helm commented, "We have found that it is more efficient to hire overtime APD officers when we need to ramp up security quickly, as they are already trained and equipped and ready to serve."

The College will also be asking BEAR security to help and support events in order to free up Campus Safety officers.

Helm stated, "This will ultimately have an impact on the College's budget, but our students' safety is our highest priority, and we will need to find the funds to cover these costs."

In addition to increasing the number of officers on duty, the area of patrol has been broadened, and officers will be on foot, bikes and vehicles.

This increased security will not be limited to strictly on-campus residents, as the College has "an obligation to secure a safe environment for all students, regardless of where they live," stated Ehrenberg.

Ehrenberg noted, however, that there would be limitations in assisting off-campus students because they do not live in college-owned housing.

Helm said, "Our staff has helped students, as requested from time to time, to deal with off-campus landlords; however, there are limits to what the College can do in such situations."

Campus Safety has been trying to help off-campus students by "offering our services to go out to off-campus houses to help make the properties as safe as possible," stated Lupole.

To increase awareness, Campus Safety has put together a list of safety tips, in addition to holding crime prevention programs so that students can talk about what has been going on and express their concerns.

Student Council is also implementing a Campus Watch program. Mike Yellin '05, Student Body President, said, "This is not just an issue for Campus Safety and the Administration; this is an issue that we must as a community respond to."

Yellin said the program's goals include educating the community on crime and increasing communication if a crime occurs. "The goal would be that within 30 to 60 minutes after an incident, potentially everyone on campus would know about it."

COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

Sones said one of his goals as a representative is to increase attendance at Student Council Meetings. He said, "We want to let students know we're here for them."

Zaehringer hopes to do more than just perform her duties as Treasurer. She said, "I hope to assist the class officers in uniting the class and bringing concerns of the class to Class Council."

In addition to electing students from the Class of 2008 into Student Council, one additional representative for each of the other classes was chosen as well. The new Class of 2007 representative is Wayman Jones, the new Class of 2006 representative is Mike Dello Buono and the new Class of 2005 representative is Mike Alexander.

Congressional candidate visits the College

By Emily Oster

WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Joe Driscoll, Democratic Candidate for the 15th Congressional District of Pa., held a political rally at the College in the Miller Forum.

During the rally on Oct. 10, Driscoll attempted to draw support for his candidacy by projecting the theme of "Vote Democrat!" on Election Day.

Prior to the rally, the College Democrats and other interested parties discussed the upcoming rally— not only because of Driscoll, but because Senator Joe Lieberman was to speak on Driscoll's behalf.

Unfortunately for the approximately eighty citizens in attendance on Sunday, Lieberman was a no-show due to business in Washington, D.C. In his place, Senator Patrick Kennedy came to give his support for Driscoll.

The audience, comprised of a wide range of participants that ranged from College students to senior citizens, promptly arrived for the rally scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m.

By 11:30 a.m., Driscoll and Kennedy were not yet present at the rally.

After losing a few spectators, Representative Jennifer Mann took to the stage.

She acknowledged the other Democrats running on the Pa. ticket and urged audience members to support the Democrats on Election Day.

She then introduced Mike Schlossberg '05, President of the College Democrats, and spoke of his contribution to the campaign thus far. She stated that Schlossberg has "taken it to a different level."

Schlossberg stood before the audience and told them to "vote Democrat this November," listing reasons pertinent to both the students and the Allentown residents listening.

Schlossberg emphasized the 1.6 million jobs lost under the Bush administration as a concern to voters of all ages.

As Mann reclaimed the podium, she commented that someday "we'll all get to vote for you" speaking in regard to Schlossberg's interest in politics in the future.

Then Driscoll candidly took to the stage and graciously thanked students who had come to attend the rally, jokingly adding, "I was never this awake on a Sunday when I was in college."

Driscoll informed the audience of his number one reason for running for office: the current unstable job situation.

Driscoll pointed out the conflict of interest situation of the current administration's method of "rewarding companies" that seem to have close ties to both President Bush and Vice President Cheney.

He also referred to the "healthcare crisis" and informed the public that Dent is willing to give full support to the Bush administration in spite of his alleged more moderate Republican stance.

Driscoll then turned to the audience and asked, "What's on your mind?"

For the rest of Driscoll's time on stage, he fielded a wide range of questions from the audience, including those on the topics of foreign policy and terrorism and the future of the Bethlehem Steel grounds.

Much of the audience's questions focused on the area's social issues like job creation and economic development, which Driscoll considers his forte due to his past business experience in Pa. redevelopment.

Driscoll outlined his plan to invest in the area's infrastructure and hopes to build a commuter rail service from the Valley to Philadelphia and New York City.

Driscoll speaks at a political rally in the Miller Forum.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

He assured the audience that the investment would be affordable and will drastically accelerate growth, something that many would agree is just what this area needs.

When an audience member asked what incentives Driscoll would provide new businesses to relocate to the Valley, Driscoll listed his plan to reinvent the Valley and "create an environment" appealing to all.

Driscoll's agenda goes beyond redevelopment and business investment, focus-

SEE **DRISCOLL** | PAGE 7

Lee Denim Day sparks breast cancer awareness on campus

By Shannon Solheim
Weekly News Writer

Clad in denim and pink, the college community bonded together on Oct. 8 to show their support for Lee National Denim Day and breast cancer awareness.

Inspired by the national fundraiser, Dr. Susan Kahlenberg, Associate Professor of Communication, had her Health Communication class educate students of the risk factors of breast cancer throughout the day in Seegers Union.

> *"There are many risk factors of breast cancer that are not highlighted by the media, particularly those related to lifestyle choices."*
>
> Dr. Susan Kahlenberg,
> Asst. Proffessor of
> Communication

Inspired by conversations with students last year, Kahlenberg had students of her Health Communication class examine how the media presents breast cancer.

They read several scholarly articles investigating this phenomenon and then compared these findings with their own analysis of popular women's periodicals.

"We found that the media frames breast cancer in a variety of ways," said class member Meghan Horner '05.

"One article focused on the precarious future of the mammogram and the inherent medical liability issues therein," stated Horner, "while another examined the commercialization of breast cancer itself, with corporate sponsorship by the likes of Ralph Lauren and Lilly Pulitzer. Overall, however, the articles merely touched on the inherent risks associated with the disease itself."

In an effort to relate these findings to the campus, students implemented an awareness campaign in conjunction with Lee National Denim Day.

"We decided that rather than handing out a brochure or flyer...student-to-student interaction and conversation would be more effective in teaching the community about how media frame breast cancer," said Kahlenberg.

Members of the class volunteered their time in Seegers conversing with students and faculty alike.

On top of relaying the findings of their research to the community, donations were also collected for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation pink ribbons.

Many pink ribbons, the symbol for breast cancer, were distributed throughout the day. Informational material, donated by the Health Center, was also made available along with cookies donated by Wood Dining Services.

Two informational sessions, run by Jyoti Gopal, M.D. and Kathy Attieh, P.A., were also instrumental in the educational goal of the day.

Throughout their presentations, both women stressed that while a woman's chance of developing breast cancer is greater if a female relative has been diagnosed with the disease, the highest risk factors are ones that can be personally controlled.

Such lifestyle choices that are potential carcinogens include tobacco consumption, alcohol consumption, physical inactivity, obesity and high fat intake.

In addition to informing participants of the lifestyle changes that can be made to decrease one's risk of developing breast cancer, Gopal also revealed another key preventative measure: the self-breast exam.

Conducting this exam once a month beginning at age eighteen raises the woman's awareness of her own body.

After discussing the proper way to conduct a self-breast exam, individuals were encouraged to practice on model breasts.

The models included normal breasts and those with abnormalities or lumps.

Overall, the day was a success. Kahlenberg said, "Students, faculty, and staff seemed genuinely interested in learning about how there are many risk factors of breast cancer that are not highlighted by the media, particularly those related to lifestyle choices."

The class was also able to contribute to Lee National Denim Day, which has become the world's largest single-day fundraiser for breast cancer.

In addition, $350.00 was raised in Seegers Union and the Delta Zeta sorority made a $300.00 donation, all of which will go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

DRISCOLL

FROM PAGE 6

ing on providing more money to schools for after school programs, giving full funding to police and providing grants to our state's leading universities so that every high school student in the state has the opportunity to earn a college degree.

Driscoll then introduced Congressman Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island who also told the audience why they should vote Democratic on Nov. 2.

Kennedy praised Driscoll for being so "versatile on so many issues" as a first time candidate, recalling the troubles he faced as a young man running for office for the first time.

Kennedy then stressed the importance of claiming a Democratic majority in Congress at the polls on Nov. 2.

Blaming the existing Republican majority, Kennedy criticized the current issues that are being discussed in Congress as being not the concerns "that matter to people" giving examples of flag burning and gay marriage.

He explained the problematic loyalty that accompanies party ties, telling Democrats that it would be a mistake to vote for Charlie Dent.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Chance of Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 58 Low: 48	High: 67 Low: 50	High: 69 Low: 44

OFF CAMPUS

TEEN SMOKED MARIJUANA WITHIN 48 HOURS OF CRASH

Bethlehem, Pa – Christina Martucci, the 16-year-old who crashed her car into a Liberty High School bus on Aug. 31, killing another 16-year-old student, pleaded guilty to homicide by vehicle.

She admitted that she had smoked marijuana within 48 hours of the crash. According to her attorney, however, there is no evidence to suggest she had ingested marijuana directly before the crash.

Martucci was charged as a juvenile and remains in custody at the Juvenile Detention Center in Easton.

The school bus was empty except for the driver who was unharmed. The student who died was in the passenger seat of Martucci's car. Martucci went through a stop sign and slammed into the bus.

The victim's family was upset that Martucci did not admit to smoking pot in the car because they believe the students involved used it frequently.

Three counts of reckless endangerment, one count each of involuntary manslaughter and possession of a small amount of marijuana were dropped against Martucci.

CLASSES CANCELLED FOR STUDENTS ON ELECTION DAY

Allentown, Pa – The Allentown School District has decided to cancel classes on Election Day due to high voter turnout. The administration building and eleven of its schools are used as polling places.

Some parents are concerned for students' safety at schools with polling places. Although safety is a concern of the district, Allentown authorities said the main reason for the decision was the anticipated high amount of pedestrians and vehicles throughout the city.

Parents have been notified with letters of the schedule change. Teachers in the district will still have a staff development program in place of classes.

Allentown is the only district in Lehigh County to cancel classes on Election Day. The city has 58 polling places, which makes up 40 percent of the county's total polling locations.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, and parents were encouraged in the letters to take their children with them to vote.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

Harvard professor, author speaks about election

By Jeremy Duncan
Weekly News Writer

Dr. Thomas Patterson, an accomplished and influential author added his insight into the College's Decision 2004 series of events.

On Oct. 21, Patterson came to the College to talk about voting in America and how the upcoming presidential election has affected the process.

He asked the audience, "Will the return of the voter last beyond the 2004 election?"

According to Patterson, the public knows the great importance of this year's election and is acting accordingly.

A huge, "almost miraculous" surge is expected at the polls, said Patterson.

The increase in public attention is due to several factors. Patterson said the reason is four-fold: the wobbly economy, the war in Iraq, the "lesson of 2000" (that every vote counts) and President George W. Bush himself.

The speaker noted that "no president has so polarized the population."

According to Patterson, these numbers are shown in his approval rating: 90 percent of Republicans approve his job as President, while only 10 percent of Democrats do.

"The unbridled ambition [of the candidates] unleashed by the primaries have resulted in campaigning without conscience."

Dr. Thomas Patterson,
Keynote Speaker

Patterson echoed what the media has said for the past several months: this is the most important election in our lifetime.

This division seems to have energized the nation, resulting in election campaigns that Patterson described as "a rare treat."

Keynote speaker, Dr. Thomas Patterson, questions whether increase in voter registration will continue in future elections.

Photo by Rob Kandel

As recent as the elections in 2002, there has been a downward slide in voter turnout.

Patterson wished to address whether or not this pre-election excitement is a temporary surge or the beginning of a change in how we vote in America.

Patterson answered this question indirectly by giving the history of the past few decades in American politics.

"Journalism is in a crisis," he said. Patterson claims the news media has become "destructive rather than constructive," increasingly negative and more trivial.

Rather than focusing on important issues, the media, Patterson pointed out, has spent most of its time covering what Bush and Kerry did in the 1970s: their Vietnam and National

SEE **SPEAKER** | PAGE 9

Caring Place Clinic offers variety of volunteer opportunities to students

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

A fundraising dinner marked the grand opening of the newly renovated Caring Place Clinic. The clinic represents a partnership between the College and Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH).

Located on Hamilton Boulevard, the clinic serves members of the Allentown community. Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College, spoke at the dinner which was held on Oct. 8. Catherine Burdett '05 received an award in recognition of her volunteer service in the medical clinic.

The Caring Place Clinic, through a grant from the state, has become a state-licensed site for STD testing. Dr. Abby Letcher, the doctor who oversees the clinic, applied for this grant last year.

"It's very exciting that the clinic has been licensed," said Lindsey Knepp, Assistant Director of Community Service.

"Previously, the Allentown Health Bureau oversaw the processing of STD tests, but having the tests completed and sent immediately back to the clinic will save time and resources," Knepp said.

Mary Ellen Griffin, Administrator of the Caring Place, bought the building that houses the Caring Place and the Caring Place Clinic.

Because LVH wanted to have a clinic in this area of the city, the hospital decided to rent the fourth floor of the building.

Allied Builders renovated the floor for free, contributing their supplies and services to the organization.

LVH supplied the clinic with furniture and equipment for the four exam rooms, baby shop, conference room, reception area and counseling room.

Within the clinic, there is a baby store, operated by the LVH Women and Children's Group.

Members of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority at the College started the baby store at the LVH. There is currently a greater amount of community support for the store.

Mothers who come to the clinic for prenatal care receive points that can be redeemed in the baby store to purchase items for their newborn children.

Letcher's practice, called Health Springs, operates out of the LVH non-profit section.

"Dr. Letcher has always been interested in healthcare for the uninsured and for people who do not know how to access the healthcare that exists for them," said Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service.

In addition to Letcher, residents of the hospital volunteer their time at the clinic as well.

In the upcoming weeks at the clinic, dental students in their residency at LVH will be providing free dental screenings for members of the Allentown community.

The Caring Place Clinic provides a wide array of community service opportunities for students of the College.

Spanish-speaking students are needed as translators for community members who do not understand English, and health economics students are needed to explain insurance options to patients who have no knowledge of the field.

Pre-medical and pre-dental students can help run the clinic, both by assisting in patient education and by managing the STD testing paperwork as well.

College students are also being trained as HIV counselors and as patient advocates in cooperation with a social worker from LVH.

"The Caring Place Clinic serves as an example of how community service is more than individuals doing good," said Lane.

"The clinic benefits so many individuals and provides the chance for students as well as individuals of the city of Allentown to learn from each other," she stated.

There are countless opportunities for students to start new activities at the clinic with regard to patient education and recreation. For example, Knepp is starting a book club for adolescent girls.

Natural Health Therapist
Laurent Michel, RMT CPT CH
521 Linden St Allentown PA 18101
610 433-7889

◆ **Herbalist** ◆ Individual Consultations , Herbal medicines
◆ **Therapeutic Massage** ◆ Traditional Swedish & Sports Massage, Neuromuscular Deep Tissue Therapy, Traditional Thai Massage , Thai Herbal Massage & Hot Rock massage
◆ **ACE certified Personal Trainer** ◆ Private gym
◆ **Ayurvedic Rejuvenating Spa Therapy** ◆ Shirodara Oil treatment , Ayurvedic Herbal Steam & Abyhanga massage
◆ **Clinical Aromatherapy** ◆ Aromatherapy massage , Raindrop Therapy, European Herbal Wrap ,Ginger Salt glow

Professor works with polling institute; shares data with nation

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

With the presidential election fast approaching, the College has been an important resource for news organizations relaying information about Pa. voters.

Dr. Christopher Borick, Associate Professor of Political Science, is also the Director of the Institute of Public Opinion, which conducts telephone surveys.

The focus of the surveys lately has been the upcoming election because Pa. is considered a swing state in the presidential race.

Borick said media requests have come from a variety of sources including CBS, NBC, PBS, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times* and *The Baltimore Sun*.

He said, "We have some of the best nonpartisan data and analysis in the state."

Borick explained that the Institute of Public Opinion is largely student run and the amount of media attention is "a real confirmation of all the work the interns and students do."

Interns and student workers have conducted telephone surveys with voters from every corner of the state.

Borick said survey participants are asked questions including what the most important issues are to them, their opinion of the war in Iraq and demographic questions.

With the data collected, the Institute is able to figure out differences between sexes, ages, income levels and religion.

This analysis is what Borick has presented to the media organizations in an effort to not only determine who will win the election, but also identify the underlying factors behind people's voting decisions.

During the first presidential debate, PBS and *The Wall Street Journal* had 100 undecided voters watch the debate with rating devices.

These devices had a keypad with numbers one through five. The undecided voters punched in the number that corresponded to the rating they wished to give each candidate.

Participants included a mixture of ages, backgrounds and geographical locations in the Lehigh Valley. The quick reaction from this focus group was that John Kerry had won the debate.

Borick said this is what the Institute of Public Opinion reported that night, and national surveys confirmed the finding; most undecided voters believed Kerry won the debate.

For the third and final debate, NBC aired a live discussion from the College's Hoffman House.

A group of undecided voters watched the debate at the Hoffman House and then discussed their views about it afterward.

Borick said, "It's very neat for me and the students who do all the work" because the institute's projects are being shown to a national audience.

In addition to conducting statewide surveys, the Institute of Public Opinion also focused on students' views about the election.

A recently completed study only included students from the College.

The survey identified major election issues for participants and who they plan to vote for in the upcoming election.

Borick said the campus in general tends to prefer Kerry to George W. Bush by a fairly wide margin.

Of the 214 students surveyed, 66 percent would vote for Kerry while 27 percent would vote for Bush.

When Ralph Nader was added into the survey question, 64 percent surveyed would vote for Kerry, 25 percent would vote for Bush and 4 percent would vote for Nader.

Borick said the results are very similar to a study conducted before the 2000 election in which students preferred Al Gore to Bush.

He said students at the College tend to lean more toward the Democratic Party like many other college campuses. Borick said the survey's findings are "not a great surprise."

According to the survey, the most important issues to students at the College are terrorism, the war in Iraq and the economy.

Borick pointed out that even though participants tended to be more liberal, these issues have been identified throughout the country as the most important to many voters in the upcoming election.

SPEAKER

FROM PAGE 8

Guard service.

There has also been less and less election coverage as the news stories focus on "Scott Petersen, Kobe and Martha Stewart."

Patterson also discussed the growing prevalence of special interest groups and big donors.

He also said, "The unbridled ambition [of the candidates] unleashed by the primaries, have resulted in campaigning without conscience."

Moreover, the average voter now feels that he or she cannot have his or her voice heard.

Dr. Thomas Patterson voiced several personal hopes for the future.

First, he would like better civic education in schools which he believes will help reduce the overall political cynicism currently present in the country.

Secondly, Patterson hopes that the media and politicians will clean up their "despicable behavior."

Third, he hopes that this election will avoid the "debacle" of the 2000 election with the election process going smoothly.

Finally, he stressed that in this and all elections, people need to actually vote, rather than simply intend to vote.

EMS

FROM PAGE 1

minds during the week.

The Muhlenberg College EMS (MCEMS), the Counseling Center and Campus Safety staged a mock drunk driving accident on Oct. 13.

Narrated by Jason Klein '05, the accident involved two cars donated by Seiber's Towing that were set-up resembling a crash outside Seegers Union, and depicted what would happen if something like this really occurred.

Both vehicles were full of students (played by members of MCEMS), and most of them were mock-injured in some way as a result of the collision.

The first to arrive on the scene after the accident was the MCEMS. A truck from the Allentown Fire Department, with sirens blaring, roared down Chew Street and entered the circle. Finally, Campus Safety and an ambulance from Cetronia Ambulance Corps arrived.

The hundred or so students who had gathered in Parents Plaza were somber as the fire department cut the roof off one of the cars to rescue one of the students, while another victim was carried into the ambulance. Other victims were treated on the scene.

All of the rescuers were very professional and efficient, and the event lasted approximately 15 minutes.

A grim reminder of the effects of drunk driving lay on the curb: a "dead" student covered by a blanket.

One of the spectators, Matt Lundy '05, commented: "It made me think about the ultimate consequences of drunk driving, and I hope it made other people think too."

Even those who did not witness the staged rescue were struck by the scene: dozens of students who left Trumbower after the event ended witnessed in amazement the two totaled cars, the ambulance, fire truck, rescuers and half a dozen bandaged students.

This large mock event succeeded in sending a powerful message regarding the fatal consequences of driving while intoxicated.

Choice Week also included daily pledge commitments in the lobby of Seegers, where students signed their names to promise either to abstain or drink alcohol responsibly during the week.

Buttons were given to the 852 students who made this pledge.

Lundy provided some further insight about choosing to drink responsibly: "It doesn't mean anything if it does not last more than a week."

He is hopeful that the lessons of Choice Week will last more than the scheduled six days.

Changes made to flex cards in future

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

As part of the One Merchant Program, a new idea is in the works for Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC) flex cards.

The cards tie into both Dining Services and the flex system already in place at the College to create a cashless environment.

"This program is an opportunity to power student spending off campus and online," said Glenn Gerchman, Director of Student Union and Campus Events.

"With this system, a student could take his or her ID card to Wegman's, Domino's Pizza or to any number of restaurants and vendors and use it as a kind of debit card," Gerchman said. This way, students will not need to carry cash with them.

"The technology is reliable," said Harold Miller, Director of Information

SEE **FLEX** | PAGE 10

BUSINESS INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!

Student development company COLLEGE PRO is seeking individuals with leadership abilities to run their own franchise!

Contact for more info:
Jeremy Morgan at (610) 524-5421
jmorgan@collegepro.com

Council Corner

o Student Council funds are $23,065.03

COMMITTEES:
o The CCA reported Haunted Halls will be Oct. 28.
o Open Mics for Open Minds on the Election will be Nov. 4.
o Rake-a-thon is scheduled for Nov. 6.
o Athletics reported that they are fundraising for Lou Gerick's disease by selling signed baseballs and holding a raffle.
o Academics is planning a school house rock band week and book drive.

CLASSES:
o The Senior class is working on the auction for Family Weekend.
o The Junior class reported that they are having Karaoke for a Kause on Nov. 5.
o The Sophomore class reported that Fall Fest is Oct. 24.
o The Freshman class reported that they are having a pizza night for their class in Seegers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
o Nov. 10 is the first fireside chat with the Student Body President in Seegers.

--Jeff Kraft
Class of 2005 Student Body Representative

FLEXCARD

FROM PAGE 8

Technology, "and the proposed implementation includes on-line transaction processing by an established professional enterprise employing state-of-the-art security."

At first, the cards will have the ability to be used in the bookstore, at campus vending machines and laundry machines. Shortly after, off-campus vendors will be a part of the system.

In addition, the flex cards will have the ability to be used at other LVAIC institutions including Cedar Crest College, DeSales University, Lafayette College, Lehigh University and Moravian College.

"From a technical viewpoint, off-campus use of the one-card system, established on campus in 2002, is a logical progression," said Miller.

A year ago, the idea was proposed by the Blackboard Company, which currently provides the software that manages the College's flex and dining plans.

"This is another opportunity to increase usage of already invested software," said Gerchman.

Benefits for the College include expanding into local merchant businesses, enhancing college to community relations, increasing safety for students and maximizing the investment in the Blackboard software system.

For student benefit, the flex cards will provide a private, local network of trusted merchants.

The flex card grants merchants exclusive access to a large community of potential buyers, including students, parents and faculty of the College.

"Eventually, we would like to see parents and students able to deposit money online into these accounts," said Gerchman.

Lehigh University has a version of this system already in place, but it is a stand-alone system with its own participating vendors.

Johns Hopkins University also uses a similar system, but again, it does not span across institutions.

The LVAIC flex cards would open up a wide network of merchants. "This technology is on the cutting edge," said Gerchman. "We would be the first consortium to instate this system as a group."

The College and Blackboard are currently working to make the cards unable to be duplicated.

Once the cards are ready, a trial period will test the success of the system and determine whether changes need to be made.

"We would like to see the cards available possibly next fall or spring," said Gerchman.

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 7 – Burglary – 416 N. 22nd St. was burglarized. Entry to the house was gained by forcing open the basement door. The entry took place sometime between 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. The victim said $130.00 to $150.00 in cash was missing.

Oct. 7 – Suspicious Person – Two unregistered visitors were found in Prosser Hall. Both were identified and given letters of trespass.

Oct. 8 – Armed Robbery – Two students were robbed of their purses in front of the Pine Building at the Tremont Apartments. The suspect is described as a skinny dark skinned black male between 5' 8" to 5' 9". He was wearing a light gray hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and tan boots. The victims state that they observed the suspect carrying a black handgun.

Oct. 9 – Harassment – Five non-students were harassing five female students on the lawn outside of Moyer Hall. Two of the individuals who were engaging involved were arrested for harassment. One was a juvenile and the other was Ali A. Mahmud of Whitehall, Pa.

Oct. 9 – Trespassing – A student who had been warned to stay out of Taylor Hall was found there and was referred to the judicial process.

Oct. 10 – Criminal Mischief – A person kicked in one of the panes of a door of Martin Luther Hall.

Oct. 10 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Five underage students were found drinking in Benfer Hall. They were referred to the judicial process.

Oct. 10 – Criminal Mischief – A lighting fixture in the walkway between East and Martin Luther Hall was intentionally ripped off and left hanging by three wires.

Oct. 11 – Suspicious Person – A student reported that an older, dark green van drove by her slowly. She said she has seen the vehicle many times before being driven by a medium-skinned black male with a thin mustache and little hair. Campus Safety is looking for the car and driver.

Oct. 11 – Suspicious Person – An individual out jogging on Liberty St. near Cedar Crest Blvd. was followed by a white vehicle, possibly a Volkswagen Jetta, that had a male driver.

Oct. 11 – Injured Student – A student fell down the stairs in Brown Hall. The student had a possible head injury and was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Oct. 13 – Suspicious Person – A black vehicle with five males inside asked a woman to come over to the vehicle and then took off. Campus Safety was unable to locate the vehicle.

Oct. 13 – Suspicious Person – A white male in his late 20s or early 30s, approximately 5'8" to 6' tall with dirty blonde hair and wearing dark clothes, was seen on Albright St. Campus Safety was unable to locate the individual.

Oct. 13 – Suspicious Person – A white male with a full beard, approximately 5'8" to 5'11" and wearing a black leather jacket and glasses was seen standing outside the former Ye Olde Muhlenberg Tavern.

Oct. 14 – Theft – A student's car that was parked on the 500 block of Leh St. was broken into. It appears someone pushed the window down to gain entry. The student's wallet was stolen.

Oct. 15 – Harassment and Threats – A student reported that another student had threatened him. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 16 – Fire/Safety Violation – A moped was found in the center stairwell of Benfer Hall. Since the moped has a gas tank, it cannot be stored indoors.

Oct. 21 – Injured Student – A student was hit with a hockey puck during hockey practice and was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Oct. 22 – Simple Assault – Non-brothers tried to get into the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, and a fight broke out. Students involved were referred to the judicial process.

Oct. 22 – Harassment – A female student called in a fight in the Benfer Hall parking lot and said a male approached her. The student, Patrick Geaney '06 was arrested for public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, harassment and underage consumption of alcohol. He will also face the judicial process.

Oct. 23 – Suspicious Person – A woman was knocking on doors in Martin Luther Hall. The woman had long, straight hair past her shoulders.

Oct. 24 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Many people were seen around Albright St. Daniel Klinger '07 was arrested for underage drinking.

Oct. 24 – Injured Employee – An employee sustained a hip injury and was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital by Allentown EMS.

Oct. 25 – Injured Student – A student fell through a table she was sitting on in Seegers Union and hurt her ankle. She was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital.

LOOKING FOR
ASSISTANT SWIM COACHES
PARKLAND AQUATIC CLUB
Competitive Swimming or
Coaching Experience required.
Evening Hours
Call 610-530-9452 or
email: lewisca@rcn.com

WEEKLY
life!

"The art of living is more like wrestling than dancing."

- Marcus Aurelius

Nathanson nails notes in 'Berg concert

By Falynn Bleiberg
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Popular, singer-songwriter - not to mention heartthrob - Matt Nathanson arrived at the College and was met with a fantastic welcome. Signs were plastered on every wall promoting his show in Moyer, and many were subject to mysterious red marker hearts around Nathanson's head.

The show was slated to start at 9:00 p.m. on the Fri. before break, and by 7:00 p.m., fans were lined up outside of Moyer, unable to suppress their exhilaration for Nathanson's second visit to the College.

Miller Forum was packed when Nathanson and a full backing band took to the stage, welcomed by thunderous applause and a shrieking crowd enthusiastic of the show to come. Graciously accepting the welcome, Nathanson casually looked back at his band and jumped into "Sad Songs," (off his latest release, *Beneath These Fireworks)*, as if he had been performing forever. "I started my first band in fifth grade, and I knew I wanted to be a musician when I was four or five, and really dug KISS. I used to get dressed up and pretend to spit blood and play my tennis racquet," Nathanson explains.

Nathanson continued the high energy set with "Lucky Boy," which included a short homage to Cheap Trick, "Weight of it All" and "Princess," a song inspired by John Mellencamp's "Jessie's Girl."

Nathanson began living up to his comedic reputation by poking fun of the Simpson sisters, Usher and various teen drama shows, throwing the audience into hysterics. It's these type of idiosyncratic actions that differentiate between a a good show and a great one.

He says, "It's the interaction between the people and me. I play off everybody's vibe. It's funny; they kind of make the show."

The band left the stage to Nathanson as he took solo requests. Beginning with a cover of Jeff Buckley's "Last Goodbye," he transitioned into a vocally dynamic performance of "So Wide-Eyed and Full." Nathanson's ability as a singer was justified as his range quickly fluctuated back and forth, from high to

SEE MATT | PAGE 13

Although it was Nathanson's second appearance at the College, he played as if it were a brand new audience. The crowd loved him and requested several songs.

PHOTO BY RACHEL WEIS

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY SQUIRRELS ON CAMPUS?

"Because Bush is a schmuck."

-Dylan Moulton '05

"Because the phrase 'party time' is not species specific."

-Cameron Gosselin '08

"'Cause they procreate."

-Lauren Bovelle '07

"Because squirrels are attracted to alcohol and we have a lot of that too."

-Brandon Manekin '07

"To add diversity."

-Suzi Toman '07

COMPILED BY MAX LUX

Benefit concert blasts College with different music genres

MERCS band members continued to play as a complete stranger took the mic

PHOTO BY SUSAN BECK

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

It was electrifying. As each band took to the stage there was an anticipation in the air. The audience chuckled and actually talked to the musicians as they began their warm-up. No this was not a concert at Madison Square Garden or even at Banana Joe's. It was right here at the College's own Red Door.

Last weekend, WMUH, the College's radio station, held it's annual benefit concert. The concert itself lasted from 1:00-8:00 p.m. and encompassed a variety of music genres and stylistic performances. The bands that played were both student bands and groups from the Lehigh Valley. Not only did all of these groups come to the College, but they also all came for free.

Onlookers could come and offer whatever money they had in their pockets to hear the music, although a six dollar donation was appreciated. Inside, students could purchase WMUH t-shirts, radios, stickers and a multitude of pins.

The concert started off with The Fellas. This jazz group provided a gentle entrance into the day. They might not have been the loudest, but the soothing sounds of the seductive trumpet could be heard through the doors and up the stairs into Seegers lobby. After The Fellas came Rebel Saints, who played their classic alternative rock. It was the perfect segway after the jazz. Not too heavy, but much different.

Those were the only two student bands to perform. After Rebel Saints came Carpenter Ants, MERCS, Forever is Lost, Tomorrow We Surrender, Awaiting Autumn and finally Laws to Reason. All of the bands, with the exception of Awaiting Autumn, a punk band, were typical heavy metal. The electric guitars were blaring and the bass could be felt in the Garden Room.

Although the concert went smoothly, there were one or two minor snags. The first was that Forever is Lost actually got lost on the way to the concert. It was a problem that was soon fixed with a cell phone call and a simple switching of set order. Also, the lead singer of MERCS could not attend the performance for family reasons. They were quick to explain the problem to the audience, and then invited anyone who wanted to sing to come up and join them on stage. Several onlookers took them up on the offer.

Emily Skratz '06, Station Manager for WMUH, said that she felt the concert went very well. Although she would have liked to have seen a more diverse grouping of bands, the fundraiser was successful, and the radio station made almost $300.00.

Team America: World Police

Strings, sex and saving the world

By Max Lux
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Trey Parker and Matt Stone are, without a doubt, the most brilliant men in filmmaking today. Emerging into stardom with their controversial, and often berated animated sitcom South Park, the duo has shocked and astounded America for the better part of six years. Their unique brand of political, societal and media-centric satire resonates with critics and fans.

This time, however, their work is not the crudely animated antics of Stan, Cartman, Kyle and the overwhelmingly mortal Kenny that has garnered the attention, but rather puppets dangling from strings on the sets above the cameras.

Their new film, which they wrote, directed and even voiced over (as marionettes), has recieved wave upon wave of critical acclaim. Its poignant interpretation of the United States post-9/11 is all-too relevant in these tides of pre-election political chaos. *Team America: World Police* is, in essence, one long expletive directed at the current state of the country.

However, that doesn't mean the film itself is not one of the funniest things you're likely to see this fall. In fact, quite the opposite is true of this recent piece by the creative team.

Between cringing in shock or disgust, you'll be laughing hysterically as many of the world's leaders and celebrities are mocked, devoured by sharks, shot, beheaded and killed; this is all done, of course, in disturbingly hilarious fashions which only the mentally disturbed would find funny.

The storyline itself is basic. An actor is invited to join a secret organization, Team America, operating out of Mount Rushmore. The team's task it is to stop terrorists and to "police the world." From there, the plot degenerates into a massive, comedic obliteration of terrorism across the planet, costing hundreds of puppet casualties. The team races to halt the nefarious plans of Kim Jung Il, dictator of North Korea, before the world is overcome by terrorism.

For fans of South Park, this film is a must-see. The voices of the various inhabitants of that small

SEE **AMERICA**
PAGE 15

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Friday Night Lights

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Grudge

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Ladder 49

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Saw

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Shall We Dance?

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Shark Tale

Fri. 5:10, 7:30, 9:40
Sat. 5:10, 7:30, 9:40
Sun. 3:00, 5:10, 7:30

Surviving Christmas

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Team America: World Police

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

No dodging the issue: Dodgeball is a big hit

Kevin Conrad '06 (left) and Tom Novak '06 (right) put on their game faces for the tournament.

Photo by Louis Marquet

By John Dunphy
Life! Editor

Ever since the movie *Dodgeball* came out last summer, the playground sport has come to new light in American culture. Sports programs, game show programs and an overall interest in the sport has reached an all-time high. It was this trend that was able to raise approximately $1,000 for charity.

On Thursday and Friday of this past week, the Delta Tau Delta (DTD) fraternity sponsored a Dodgeball Tournament. The tournament, while providing fun and exercise for students, was also used to raise money for Christmas gifts for the children at First Step Day Care on 19th Street in Allentown. Although the prospect of helping underprivileged children would be a motivator for many of the teams, overall, the thought of just beaming each other with rubber balls and the cash prize was the driving force.

In the days prior to the tournament, *Dodgeball* the movie was aired in Seegers Student Union. The DTD brothers asked Becky Grace, Director of Student Activities, to purchase the rights to show the movie in order to gather hype for the event, and she was more than willing to comply. Not only did students of the College get to play, but now they could also reenact their favorite parts of the movie and quote the corny lines while it was still fresh in their heads.

Although 36 teams had originally signed up, 28 teams competed during the days of the tournament. The groups were from all walks of college life. Some of the groups were Greek, while others were representing one of the many clubs or teams on campus, while still others were just a couple of friends looking to play a good game of dodgeball. In the end, the winners of the tournament were a group of roommates from one of the suites in Benfer.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the event, DTD is actually hoping to make this somewhat of an annual event. Although there were some people that complained about how the rules were set up, the brothers of DTD are trying to come up with ideas to make it even better in the future. After the first round was over and several teams were eliminated, some students were unhappy to only play for a few minutes. With this in mind, the members of DTD might attempt to add a double elimination in the next tournament so that people can play for longer.

Overall, it was a great fundraiser for a great cause. Students had fun, underprivileged children can now have Christmas gifts, and the only thing hurt was the prides of the losers.

Dorney Park plays up Halloween while patrons pay out

By Jacqueline Starner
Weekly Life! Writer

On a Friday night in October, not many Muhlenberg students would think of going to an amusement park. However, for all five weekends in October, Dorney Park offers visitors Halloween-themed fun. On HalloWeekends, guests pay reduced prices and enjoy the park's rollercoasters, the usual array of rides as well as special Halloween attractions.

Spending all day at the park isn't really necessary because in October, the park is much less crowded. It is almost assured that you will be able to ride all three of Dorney's rollercoasters in a total time of under two hours. The longest lines on HalloWeekends are actually for the temporary attractions like the haunted houses and the Fright Zone.

This year the park opened two haunted houses: Doctor of Doom and Scream Works. "The haunted house was a very family-oriented event that you can feel comfortable taking younger siblings or cousins to" said senior Ashley Godshall of Scream Works. In the other haunted house, Doctor of Doom, allegedly the scarier of the two, visitors wear 3-D glasses to enhance their experience.

The Fright Zone, as opposed to the haunted houses, is an outdoor attraction, in which people make their way down a foggy path while actors startle them.

Dorney tried to create a spooky atmosphere by flooding the park with machine-produced fog. However, in some places the fog got so thick that groups of friends were easily separated, and it could be scary for little children if they get lost in the "haunted" theme park.

Another complaint some guests had of the park regarded the food. Of course, most people expect amusement park food to be overpriced, but they also expect to get a decent amount of food in return for said cost.

At a Hershey's ice cream stand in the park, a single scoop of ice cream cost two dollars and fifty-six cents. Amanda Caringi, a freshman who visited the park on Friday, decided to pay the steep price. However, Caringi was astonished when she was given one small scoop. "He didn't even fill the cone, and then put a scoop on top. You're supposed to fill the cone," she said.

Though the Hershey's ice cream stand is a rip-off, going to Dorney Park in October is still a good deal. Guests pay much less than they do during the regular season and can easily go on their favorite rides like Steel Force or Talon without a long wait. Just remember to go to a different Friendly's afterwards if they you really want ice cream.

StudentCity.com
Spring Break
17 HOT DESTINATIONS!
Official Partner Of Maxim Break
CAMPUS REPS WANTED

MATT | FROM PAGE 11

low.

The band rejoined him for "Angel," "Fall to Pieces" and lastly, the popular request, "Answering Machine." The crowd was unusually receptive-everybody was on his or her feet, dancing, singing along and swooning. To anyone that was just entering the concert while the song was playing, it would have looked as if the entire audience was under Nathanson's trance.

Nathanson has achieved impressive success simply with his grass-roots following. "Beneath These Fireworks" being his first major label release, Nathanson has spent the years creating a fan base by constant touring. By actually going out and meeting the fans, he has been able to spread his music to the masses rather quickly. "I've been lucky to tour with a lot of cool people--- O.A.R, Howie Day and Gavin DeGraw," he notes. Nathanson's appeal to college-aged kids creates the demand for him to play colleges. "High school and college were the times I was most receptive to new things. This time in life is a great time to be exposed to stuff."

Music being Nathanson's artistic outlet of choice, he will continue making music for as long as it permits him, and the only change he will make is to try to become increasingly better--whether songwriting, in the studio or on the stage. Nathanson knows it is important to get your music to the public however possible.

Nathanson has always loved music. He says, "Music was the one thing that really affected me the most. Out of all the art forms, I thought it was the most potent way to get your point across, so I dug it... but I also dug KISS."

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

The mezuza (meh-ZOO-zah) is a decorative Jewish scroll base that is affixed to the doorpost of a room or house where someone lives. The symbol on the outside is the Hebrew letter "shin," first letter of "The Almighty," referring to God. Inside is a scroll with two specific Bible texts. The mezuza serves to remind the resident of how to act at home and out in the world.

HIGHLIGHTS of MUHLENBERG'S STRATEGIC PLAN

After over a year of planning, research, discussion and consultation, Muhlenberg College has a strategic plan. This is the product of a planning group representing faculty, students and staff, as well as regular consultation with trustees, alumni and friends of the College. The results of the plan set an ambitious agenda for Muhlenberg's future. Within the next ten years:

- We will further enhance Muhlenberg's distinctive identity as a highly selective, residential, liberal arts college committed to powerful student outcomes, to creating a caring community, and to achieving excellence in undergraduate education.
- We will commit to a stable enrollment of 2,100 students, a balanced budget, and financial stability through endowment growth.
- We will strengthen our core curriculum in the liberal arts by investing in Praxis pedagogies–those ways of learning that connect theory to practice through opportunities such as service-learning, student-faculty research collaborations, experiential learning, and field work.
- We will enhance student learning by increasing the size of our full-time faculty and expanding our educational facilities. The plan calls for ten new faculty positions, new and renovated science facilities, and expanded space for instruction in the arts.
- We will increase financial aid to broaden the circle of those who are able to benefit from what Muhlenberg offers and widen the range of students who are able to experience a Muhlenberg education.
- We will enhance the quality of life for our community by creating a "green core" in the central campus and establishing environmentally friendly policies relative to institutional practices.
- We will better integrate academic and co-curricular life by expanding living-learning residences and improving facilities for career development, academic support and student programming.
- We will continue to celebrate both Muhlenberg's historic relationship with the Lutheran Church and the College's tradition of valuing many faiths as well as dialogue among faiths.

There is much more in the plan, and all members of the Muhlenberg community are invited to read more at www.muhlenberg.edu/committees/stratplanning, the website where the progress of the planning process and draft versions of the plan have been posted.

AMERICA | FROM PAGE 12

Colorado town are evident in almost every character. At times, such as in the case of Kim Jung Il, these voices are exaggerated to hilarious proportions. Also abundantly present is the warped humor for which the film's creators are so well-known.

There is a reason this film is rated R. Included is a hardcore puppet sex-scene which must be experienced in order to be believed. Songs laced with profanity' add to the fact that this film is a parody, not just of society, but of itself as well.

Puppets' motions and actions are done, purposefully so at times, to demonstrate just how bizarre and ridiculous the idea media of "wide-screen puppet-show" is. Yet, despite the fact that the concept of such a film is mildly idiotic, the execution shows a lot of ingenuity and thought. The very fact that puppets were used as opposed to cartoon characters can actually be seen as a metaphor for the fact that the government is in fact the puppeteers.

A lot of time went into this film, and the lush scenery, complicated puppetry and diverse characters are evidence of this massive time commitment. From a technological and quality standpoint, this film is excellent and near-perfection, all things considered.

Of course, the main reason Team America is such a amazing production is the underlying meaning. Underneath the clever humor and dick-and-fart jokes lies a brilliant piece of satire. It is humorous enough to attract college students and intelligent enough to make them learn something.

Giving America the persona of a glorified anti-terrorist nation policing the globe is hilarious, and to some extent true in this period of blind terrorist hysteria that is sweeping the globe and the United States in particular. By not just taking a liberal, anti-big government, anti-war standpoint, Stone and Parker make this film much more credible and meaningful, while also not overly stating the message.

The poke at Michael Moore as an ignorant slob is particularly great, using him as a weapon of destruction, a bomb strapped to his chest, protesting Team America and their goals, all while eating pizza and speaking like a gargling fat man is even better. This was the creator's way of remaining "non-partisan."

Lastly, there is the issue of irony. The film states ineloquently that the American people, as well as the people of the world, are all controlled by some higher power. In the case of the film, this controlling entity is the unseen force of the American government, which asserts its will and ideals throughout the nation and planet, controlling celebrity, media and the public.

In essence, according to the film, the country is no more than a massive puppet show, with the invisible lords as puppet masters. In a time where the status of the government is being questioned, the film proves extremely disturbing and provoking from the first frame to the last.

LIFE! EDITOR'S PICKS OF THE WEEK

VIDEO GAME	***Halo 2*** The long awaited sequel to one of the most popular strategy games is finally here. Halo 2 has all of the same abilities and forces as Halo 1, only now you can sprint twice as fast and peek around corners, adding to your stealth and combat force. Plus, there are a multitude of other features that even the novice player can appreciate.	***The Editor Says:*** I laughed, I cried and then I shot an alien in the head. This game is amazing. Call you parents and tell them not to come up because you'll be busy with this for quite some time my friend.
MOVIE	***Kill Bill1 and Kill Bill 2*** Quentin Tarantino's fourth/fifth movies are actually best when viewed together. Uma Thurman plays the incredibly deadly Black Mamba. The plot revolves around her story as she seeks revenge for the people responsible for the deaths of her fiance and child. 70s funk with beautiful women.	***The Editor Says:*** Each one of these movies is good, but put them together and they're amazing. Put them together and it's also over two hours longs. Get comfy.
CD	***Within a Mile of Home*** Flogging Molly Although the album starts off with their classic hit, "Drunken Lullaby," *Within a Mile of Home* is essentially the same Flogging Molly that Irish punks have been turning to for decades. It's an overall good cd.	***The Editor Says:*** I like Irish punk. I do. But there's only so much of it I can take. After a while all the songs sound alike. It is unique though, or at least it was in '95.
BOOK	***He's Just Not Into You: The No Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys*** by Greg Behrendt, Liz Tucillo True life experiences and proposed situations are essentially the entirety of this book. No real story line, just a bunch of suggestions. It could help to solve the mystery of men.	***The Editor Says:*** Ok. It's kind of hokey, but it does address a lot of issues. Girls may not like hearing it, and guys will wish they said it, but overall, anyone that's ever been dating should read.

horoscopes

By Psychic McMindreader

Aries

Halloween is just around the corner, and you are finding yourself without a costume. Yes, that is indeed a troubling conundrum, seeing as you are a male and unable to utilize the many variations on the hooker costume that the opposite sex utilizes. So while you might not be able to be "hooker Santa" for Halloween, don't despair; go wing it and try not offend anyone.

Taurus

"Spider-man, Spider-man, does whatever a spider can." Unfortunately, you cannot. While Peter Parker may have honed his intellectual skills to make up for his lack of athletic talent, you have done neither. It's time to crack open those books and start studying. Just remember that it's a bad idea to tell you friends that you're gonna be just like Spidey someday. Weirdo.

Gemini

Attend one of the many Haunted Houses this weekend, as it may teach you many life lessons. Some of the more important ones are: just because a guy tells you he's a ghost doesn't mean he should touch you, it usually doesn't cost money to guzzle questionable "ghoul punch" and, most important of all, it's idiotic even to think it's a good idea to enter a "haunted house."

Cancer

Photography has become one of your most treasured hobbies, and you are even going to consider doing it professionally. Good for you, I sense that your work is full of talent and insight, truly on par with the masters of the craft. However, if you are merely going into the industry to take pictures of beautiful naked woman as "art," turn back now you pervert.

Leo

Like all Leos, you are contemplating being a lion for Halloween. Let me give you some advice; it's not original, and in no way, shape or form can you make it original. Abandon this plan immediately, and instead try one of these, more unique options: Edgar Allan Poe, Zombie Jesus or Michael Jackson's child in ten years.

Virgo

The most important thing you'll need to remember in the coming week is the concept of a "key." This could mean anything from the physical key to your dorm room that you lost, to the intangible "key" to understanding math. But, chances are, the "key" in you life is going to be the key to the handcuffs you use in your down time.

Libra

Your friends all say that your artwork is sub-par and unexciting, completely devoid of form and function. It's been really getting to you over the past few days, and now you feel that you can't even continue your craft. Well tell those art snobs to take a hike because your stick figure drawings are really great.... Actually, they're right. Your work is terrible, at best. Quit.

Scorpio

You are horrified with the recent baseball riots as a result of the World Series and detest the violent acts fans will succumb to in response to their team doing well. It's gotten so bad that you won't even watch TV, and steer clear of the baseball field at this very college. Who doesn't miss the days when sports were simple? Sports like beer pong and Rollerball.

Sagittarius

That cute girl from chemistry class just asked you to a Halloween party, and you're psyched. She even suggested that you go in matching costumes! How cool is that? Just remember, suggesting the following outfits will make sure you don't have a happy Halloween: that guy and that girl from that movie where things blow up and/or any thing involving a "woman of the night."

Capricorn

Yes, it's that time of year again, Halloween, the one holiday where mass-consumption of bite-size Snickers bars is not just allowed, it's encouraged! It is very important that you balance this massive caloric intake with plenty of fruits and vegetables and other dietary items essential to a healthy lifestyle. On second thought, that's no fun; just eat, chug and make merry.

Aquarius

When next you consider donating to a charitable organization, why not donate to the "Save the Manatee" fund? Not many of these gentle giants are left, floating among the sea-weeds off the coast of Florida. Many are in danger even as we speak, threatened by heavy commercial water traffic. Plus, they're like aquatic puppies with flippers!

Pisces

The winds of change are blowing, and you Pisces are at the very center of the coming hurricane. This means things are going to get very weird very fast, most likely just in time for Halloween. However, at the same time, things could be coming to a head in your life while you are reading this! Put down the newspaper and run! Run, you fool, run!

Mules win two

By Robin DeCicco
Sports Editor

MEN'S TENNIS

The Mules will head into the spring season with two wins against East Stroudsburg and Wilkes Barre under their belt.

On Oct. 7, singles Senior co-Captain Jeff Kraft defeated his East Stroudsburg opponent in a first set tiebreak, followed by a second set win. Sophomore Brad Gutwillig and Senior co-Captain Mitch Reading lost at second and third singles, however the Mules were able to use their lineup strengths to bounce back.

Freshman Jesse Kirschenbaum's solid play at sixth singles contributed to the Mules win.

"The major difference between last year and this year is that we have so much depth in our lineup this year and players in the fifth and sixth singles slots are competitive and not just space fillers," said Kirschenbaum.

On Oct. 10, Muhlenberg won an all singles match, except for first singles against Wilkes.

Additionally, the second doubles team of Freshman Doug Wayne and Sophomore Michael DiVita cruised through their match, winning the eight-game pro-set, 8-1.

Reading, impressed with the play of the underclassmen, attributes their success to off-season training and conditioning.

"The key for us as a team is to make sure we are in perfect shape by the start of the spring season so that we have an edge over our competitors," said Reading. "We have been working to improve our strength and conditioning, which will definitely help us next season."

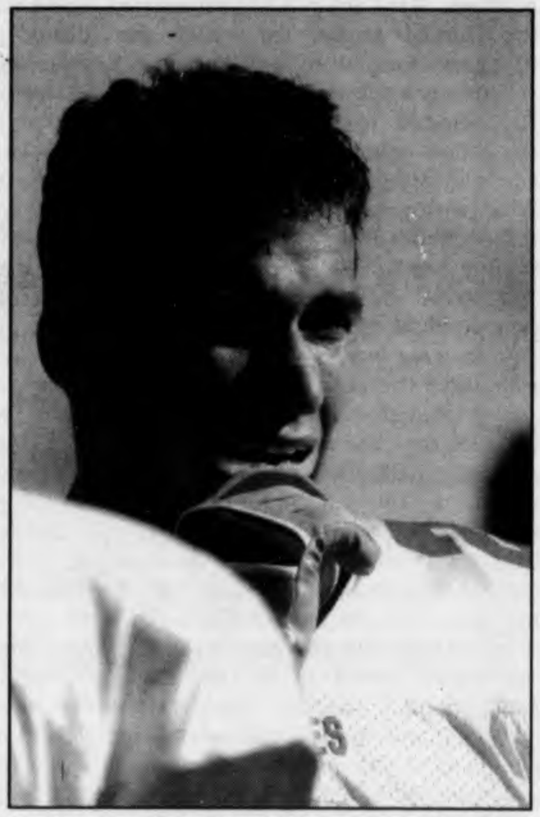
"The captains work hard at trying to get us in the best possible shape, and we all appreciate their time and effort," said Kirschenbaum.

"Everyone on this team is equally dedicated to making sure we have a successful spring season—and Reading and Kraft do a good job of motivating and encouraging us," said Kirschenbaum.

The Mules will be training indoors during the upcoming winter months, to be fully prepared for the spring season.

Looking to his mentors

Mule Profile: Chris Giannini



Sophomore Chris Giannini has proven himself to be a strong leader this season.

Photo by Rob Kandel

By Allison Marman
Weekly Sports Writer

There is no doubt that the Mules football defense has slowly become a young, and less experienced one. But accompanying this influx of freshmen and sophomores is the emergence of some fresh, new talent. Chris Giannini, a sophomore wide receiver, is proof of this.

In his first varsity season, Giannini has proven himself as a solid receiver, playing opposite Senior Ryan Newman and has recorded a several touchdowns in the process.

Graduating from Watchung Hills High School, Giannini varsity lettered in baseball, basketball and football, but it was the latter that held his interest after graduation. He enjoyed each sport he played, but when it came to football, there was no comparison.

"I love the team atmosphere [of football], and I wanted to continue with it. I knew there was room for me to excel, and that there was a lot more to experience," Giannini said.

The product of such intensity and passion was several High School honors, including a position as team captain and a place on first team all-Conference and second team All-County.

As a freshman, Giannini looked to Mule star Kodi Shay '03 for mentoring. He could not have picked a better player to emulate, as Kodi Shay was Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the year, among having received other honors.

Giannini claimed that working with Shay helped him sharpen his skills and increase his knowledge and love for the sport.

Another trait of a model player is dedication and hard-work, both of which Giannini has exemplified in the past two years. Senior co-captain Mike DellaPella said, "Giannini has been the go-toguy this season," arguing that it was Giannini's off-season dedication to improving his personal abilities that have really made the difference.

Coming into this season, Giannini's goals were simple but high: earn a starting position, contribute to a winning season and to become an impact player. Seeing significant playing time in all seven Centennial Conference games, Giannini will no doubt accomplish all three. In fact, he is currently ranked fourth in the Centennial Conference standings for Receptions yards per game and fifth for receptions per game.

The modest sophomore claims that he is just "grateful for the opportunity to play," he said. After junior receiver Kyle Douglas, another of Giannini's mentors, suffered an injury in game one against King's Point, Giannini took the field for the second half and finished with the most receiving yards of either team.

Since then, Giannini has remained an integral part of the Mules team, a team which boasts a tremendous amount of camaraderie.

Making this season even sweeter for Giannini has been the constant support of his family. Distance is no obstacle for his family, as his parents and younger brother are often joined by extended family in the stands each week, whether the stands are in Allentown, Maryland or his home state of New Jersey.

School isn't merely about football for Giannini, as he is an avid student who enjoys learning. The Political Science and Business double major claims that academics play an important part in his life.

With just three games left in this season, Giannini hopes to finish the season on a positive note and continue adding to the team'scurrent success.

As for the next two years, Giannini commented that all he really wants is to see the team win some championships, advance in the NCAA playoffs and most importantly have fun.

Although he stated that he would not mind making first team All-Conference like his freshman-year role models, his focus is on team successes, a true indicator of a team player.

Giannini has all the makings of a solid football player and an excellent teammate. Great things are ahead for Giannini, and this season has simply set them off.

the
POWERHOUSE
café

Now Serving Specialty Sandwiches of the Week!

Protein Shakes and Smoothies are also now available!

Visit the Powerhouse in the Life Sports Center for a quick pick me up before or after your workout, or to try one of our freshly made gourmet sandwiches!

Mules finish fifth at Invitational

By Kristen Ziegler
SPORTS EDITOR

CROSS COUNTRY

After taking a three week break, the Mules came back strong in the DeSales Invitational.

The women's cross country team placed fifth in a field of 27, their highest finish ever at this annual meet. Prior to this recent fifth place finish, the highest Mule finish at the DeSales Invitational was sixth place in 2001.

This year, the Mules finished just behind two Division III teams, Dickinson College and Kutztown University, both of whom are currently ranked within the top three teams in the region.

The Mules were ahead of two regionally ranked teams, DeSales and Susquehanna. DeSales finished seventh and Susquehanna, finished sixteenth at the Invitational.

Following this finish, the Mules were ranked eleventh in the Mideast region. There are five Centennial Conference teams in the Mideast's top ten.

Senior Jenna Belisonzi had an impressive finish in the Invitational. She crossed the line eighth out of 191 runners and had a time of 23 minutes and 52 seconds.

Freshman Sara Gearin and Junior Christy Grandjean finished 34th and 35th respectively, with a mere five second time difference between them. Junior Karen Mount came in thirteen seconds behind Grandjean with a time of 25 minutes and 59 seconds. A minute later, Freshman Laura Clinton finished 60th.

The men's cross country team placed eighth out of 28 teams. Three Mules runners crossed the line with the top forty runners. Sophomore Christopher Martin came in at 28 minutes and two seconds and placed 31st in the race.

Martin was followed by Sophomore Tim Seeley five seconds later and Junior Patrick Breault two seconds after that. Seeley and Breault placed 33rd and 35th respectively.

Sophomore Stephen Rothwell came in at 28 minutes and eighteen seconds and placed 45th.

Sophomore Lex Mercado, who placed 63rd, crossed the line at 28 minutes and 41 seconds, and Sophomore Dave Chesny at 67th came in right behind Mercado at 28 minutes and 54 seconds. Junior Joe Ganser rounded up the pack, coming in at 29 minutes and 28 seconds.

The Mules are now ranked eighth in the Mideast Region.

The men's cross country team also competed in the Haverford Invitational where Haverford College hosted teams like Johns Hopkins University, Villanova and The College of New Jersey, along with many unattached runners.

The Mules faced dreary conditions as the weather was just 60 degrees and the course was muddy.

In this four mile race, however the men finished within five minutes of each other.

Senior Calvin Tintle placed 60th with a time of 23 minutes and fourteen seconds. Freshman Adam Carter crossed the line at 23 minutes and 28 seconds.

Sophomore William Trevethick, at 23 minutes and 59 seconds was followed closely by Senior Ben Patton at 24 minutes and six seconds.

Junior Josh Posilkin placed 72nd, crossing the line at 24 minutes and 26 seconds. Freshman Chris May placed 75th at 24 minutes and 54 seconds.

Senior Matt Lundy was the last Mules finisher. His 27 minute and 36 second time gave him an 81st finish.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY
FIELD HOCKEY	vs. Washington (M.D.) at 1:00 p.m.
FOOTBALL	vs. Gettysburg at 1:00 p.m.
WOMEN'S SOCCER	at Ursinus at 2:00 p.m.
MEN'S SOCCER	at Ursinus at 11:00 a.m.
CROSS COUNTRY	Centennial Conference Championships at McDaniel at 11:00 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL	at Washington (M.D.) at 1:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE 20

Junior Justin Adair has shown great strength this season, tying a school record with four pass breakups and five tackles this week.

He has joined fellow junior cornerback Mike McCurley as a top ten Centennial Conference pass-defender.

Senior linebacker Ryan Peer made a team-high seven stops. He and Senior Dan Walker now hold top spots positions in forced fumbles, tackles for loss and sacks.

It is not just the defense that has been recognized for strong performance.

The Mules currently have a top-five offense and hold a top-two position in rushing offense (148.3/game), average kick-off return (22.6) and punting (34.5), not to mention players in the top five of every offensive category.

According to DellaPella, "Coach Donnelly is always telling us, you never know when it's going to be your turn to step up and play."

One player in particular who has stepped it up in offense is Freshman Ross Tanner. Coming in as a running back, Tanner was moved around to various spots on the field, testing out the cornerback position before being called back to take over his original position after a string of team injuries.

In a position usually dominated by seniors and juniors, young Tanner hasn't let his lack experience hold him back. In his last three starts, Tanner has averaged 86 yards per game, just shy of Spencer's third place average of 91 before his injury.

With Hopkins just behind the Mules in a number of statistics including rush defense, total defense and rush offense, the low and close score of this game was inevitable.

Both teams have longstanding reputations, sharing the championship title for the past two years, but this weekend it was the Mules who proved their ability.

In the end, it came down to Freshman kicker Jordan Grube and three very important field goals. With one in each of the first three quarters, Grube became the first Mule freshman to make three field goals in a single game, and furthermore the first to kick a 40 yard field goal since 1983. This earned Grube the honor of receiving the Centennial Conference Special Teams Player of the Week award.

In addition to the 42 yarder, he also nailed a 33 and 37-yarder to bring the Mules up to nine points.

With so few points on the board, the Mules defense knew they had to find a way to stop the Hopkins' offense.

Holding the second best offense in the league to just 173 yards and two field goals in the first and third quarters, 34 and 25 yds respectively, the Mules did not give the Blue Jays any opportunity to win.

The Mules have allowed only one offensive touchdown all season, and the Blue Jays had no chance of changing that. The Mules have also held their opponents this season to fewer first downs than the Blue Jays.

The Mules traveled home with their third consecutive win, two of which were on the road.

This streak, which began after a loss to Franklin and Marshall, could lead the Mules to a Centennial Conference championship and perhaps even advancement in the NCAA playoffs.

Senior quarterback Nick Rosetti looks to set up a play with his teammates.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Mules on a winning streak

By Betsy Stoller
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules could be crowned the "comeback kids" of this fall season. Winning their last three games, the Mules have positioned themselves with a possible bid to the Centennial Conference playoffs and a chance to reclaim their title from last year.

MEN'S SOCCER

The first of these three big wins occurred against Dickinson College last weekend. The Mules easily shut the Red Devils out, with a score of 3-0.

Junior midfielder Chris King stepped up, scoring two goals and assisting the third.

King scored his first goal at the 39:27 mark by heading in a perfectly placed corner kick by Junior Jose Ramirez. King's next goal was scored unassisted, just 4:30 into the second half with a very precise shot to the top right corner of the net.

Senior Ryan Melchior finished off the Mules scoring at the 82:29 mark. Melchior scored off of a great pass from King.

The three goals are the most scored by the Mules in a game since a 6-0 win over Hunter College on Sept. 11.

King was named player of the week by the Centennial Conference, for his strong performance in the game against Dickinson.

The Mules' defense played a solid game, limiting Dickinson to only eight shots. Senior goalkeeper Chris Davis recorded his sixth shutout of the season, making two saves.

The Mules' next win was in the game versus Desales University. A close match, the Mules pulled through with a 4-3 win.

DeSales scored first in the match, but Sophomore Alex Hamil scored with just 4:02 in the second half. However DeSales scored just 24 seconds later regaining their lead.

Midway through the half, Henshaw was tripped in the box by Bulldog goalkeeper Brad Ferguson on a breakaway. Junior Adam Milberg converted the penalty kick, tying the game.

With 9:09 to play, DeSales scored on another header to take a 3-2 lead. Two minutes later, Freshman Karim Assous sent a ball soaring into the corner of the box from the right wing.

Ferguson came out to punch the ball out, but it went right to King, who headed it into the open net for his third goal in two games, tying the game at 3-3.

The Mules scored the winning goal nearly two minutes later.

Freshman Wesley Deininger took possession from a DeSales player near midfield and dribbled the ball in, feeding Henshaw for a one-on-one. Ferguson made a diving save, but Henshaw tapped the loose ball in to score the winning goal.

While that game was intensely close, the Mules big win came when they defeated Gettysburg.

The Bullets are currently ranked ninth in the Mid-Atlantic Region and have neither given up three goals in a game nor lost a single game by more than one goal.

The Mules' strong offensive and midfield players proved versatile for both defending and attacking in the game.

Freshmen defender Jonathan Kliewer scored the first Mule goal, and junior midfielder Joe Benner was a primary factor in keeping Gettysburg out of the game and sparking the offense.

This included a near goal late in the second half. Kliewer's goal was scored in the first half; it was his first career goal.

The Mules strengthened their lead in the fourteenth minute of the second half when King took a pass in the middle from Senior Ryan Melchior and fired a shot straight into the goal, scoring his fourth goal in three games.

The final goal of the game came when Junior James Henshaw headed in a free kick from Freshman Karim Assous with 19:23 to play to finalize the scoring rally.

The assist was Assous' seventh, establishing a new College record for a freshmen player.

"We struggled at the beginning of the season, but once we took a few losses we realized that we needed some changes," said Sophomore Blake Grannel, "And after a few changes we started to get on this streak, and hopefully we can ride this winning streak into the Conference playoffs."

While the Mules are still in sixth place in the Centennial Conference, their winning streak could carry over and gain them a position in the top five. Thus, they can make the Centennial Conference playoffs.

Junior James Henshaw leads the Mule offense down the field.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Mules' Lauro sets record

By Brandon Mefford
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules brought their "A" game in a Centennial Conference match against the Swarthmore Garnet.

With great defense, excellent passing and a superb job killing the ball, the Mules easily defeated the Garnet in a mere three sets (30-23, 30-27 and 30-18).

VOLLEYBALL

Junior Julie Lauro had an incredible match with sixteen kills and eleven digs. She has now become the College's all-time leader in kills. Lauro's record of 1,350 kills surpassed the 1,336 career kills by Allison Verduin '99.

Lauro also has a career total of 970 digs and only needs 30 more to become the seventh player in College history ever to reach the 1,000 dig milestone.

"I'm very excited about the record," said Lauro, "It was a big accomplishment but a team effort."

Lauro knows a team effort when she sees it. Junior Mary Henning had a nice game with 38 assists and five aces.

Sophomore Kate Haggerty also had a big day with fourteen kills. Senior Monica Sella contributed three blocks on the defensive end.

With the notable win, the Mules now improved their record to 10-13 overall and 4-4 in the Centennial Conference.

The Mules have two more games against Centennial Conference opponents Franklin and Marshall College and Washington College to try to earn a spot in the playoffs.

Sella is hopeful about the team's chances: "If we just keep playing the way we have and everyone does their own job, we have a great chance to make the playoffs."

Mules end on high

By Kristen Ziegler
Sports Editor

MEN'S GOLF

Though fast greens at the Lehigh Country Club made the course more challenging, the Mules took second last weekend when they hosted the Muhlenberg Invitational. There was nearly a seventy stroke point differential between the eleven competiting teams, with Moravian College coming in first with an overall team score of 315.

Only six golfers shot less than an 80 in the tournament. Sophomore Brian Ruht was one of them as he tied for third with a round of 76.

Ruht was just one stroke off the lead, as Dan Pickering of The College of New Jersey took home the medal for the second year running.

Ruht took home the third place plaque for the second year in a row. She was one of seven golfers to shoot a round below 80 last year. His round of 77 was just two strokes off the lead.

Ruht was also the Mules' stroke leader for the fall: his stroke average of 77 is an improvement from last season's 79.5.

Trailing Ruht by only four strokes in the Muhlenberg Invitational was Senior Weston Happ, whose 80 was two strokes below his average from last season.

Senior Matthew Schoenfeld and Sophomore Pat Moyle had identical games, each finishing with an 87.

The Mules' combined score of 330 earned them second place in their own tournament for the second year in a row.

This tournament, their best overall finish for the fall, earned them fifth place ranking in the Centennial Conference ranking. Their average team score of 328 was a mere nine points behind the Centennial Conference leader Gettysburg College.

Mules defense stands firm

By Betsy Stoller
Weekly Sports Writer

FIELD HOCKEY

The Mules may not have started off last week with a bang, but they sure ended with one.

The Mules fell 5-2 to Ursinus, who is ranked fourth in the nation, but regained composure as they convincingly defeated Swathmore, 3-0.

Keeping with the records this season, the two goals scored on Saturday were both scored by Senior co-Captain Kristen Bruschi.

Bruschi has been selected to represent the Mules field hockey team at the National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-Star Game.

Bruschi was named to the nineteen-member South Squad. The Squad will take on the North at Westfield State College in Westfield, Mass., on Nov. 20.

Bruschi scored the first goal of the match during the first five minutes, but Ursinus fought back scoring three goals in the first half and two more in the second half.

Bruschi scored her second goal late in the second half. Sophomore goalie Lauren Schram made five saves during the game.

The Mules join second-ranked Messiah and fourteenth-ranked Lebanon Valley as the only teams to score two goals against Ursinus College this year.

At the team's last home game, junior forward Adrienne Verbich played a stellar game.

Not only did Verbich start the Mule scoring rally with 11:10 left in the game, but she also scored the next two consecutive goals, giving her her first collegiate career hat trick.

The first goal was scored off of a pass from senior back Pam Coakley to Bruschi, who then hit it to Verbich; she deflected it in the goal.

The assist gave Bruschi the first place spot on the Mules' all-time career list with seventeen career assists.

The Mules' next two goals were scored in a pattern of corner shots by Senior Sarah Fosdick, which were then deflected in by Verbich.

Fosdick noted that this winning combination was the result of hard work. "[Verbich] and I have been coming out before practice to work on that. I would hit the ball, and she would work on tipping it in. I'd hit light balls, and she'd say 'hit it harder,'" Fosdick said.

The Mules defense stayed firm with Swarthmore's only close scoring opportunity called back because the player shot the ball when both feet were located outside of the circle.

Sophomore Lauren Schram also had a great game, making five saves in her fifth shutout of the season.

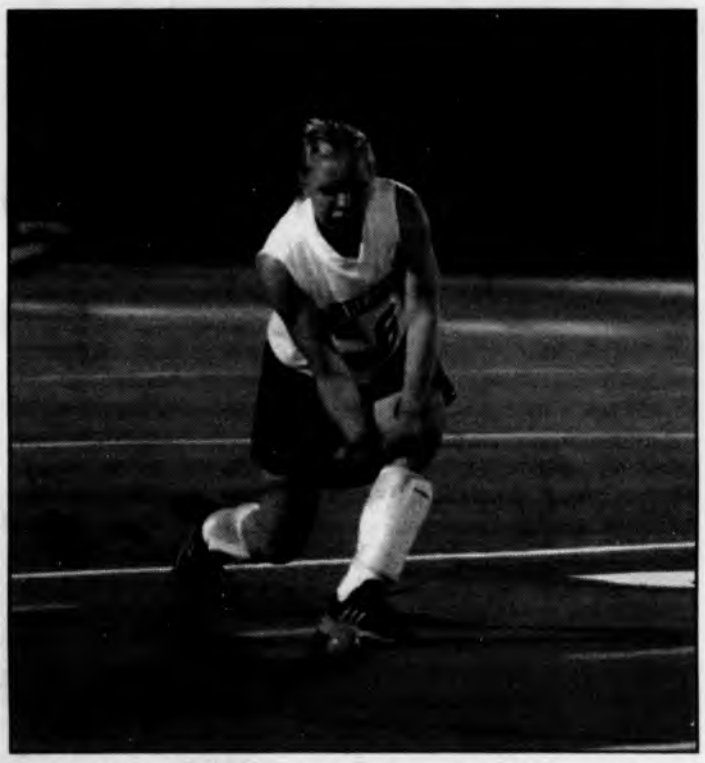
This win allowed the Mules to keep their Centennial Conference playoff hopes alive. After losing their last three games, this was a big win for the Mules.

The game keeps the Mules in sixth place. Two tough games remain against Franklin & Marshall and Washington College. The Mules need to win both in order to qualify for the five-team playoff.

"We played very well in the game, and we're hoping that the win carries us into the next two games so that we have a shot to make playoffs," said Verbich.

"I think we are just starting to peak now, so hopefully we don't let down. It felt great to contribute during senior day, as well," said Verbich.

The Mules next face off away against Washington College (M.D.).



Junior Steph Light takes the ball down the field to aid the Muhlenberg offense.

Photo by Rob Kandel

'Berg pushes toward CC champs

By Tara DeMarzo
Weekly Sports Writer

WOMEN'S SOCCER

After a loss to the twentieth-ranked Gettysburg Bullets, the Mules battled back with two huge victories, currently placing them as the third seed in the Centennial Conference standings, with one more Centennial Conference game to go.

Junior Amy Schmidt made solid contributions to each game, assisting the lone goal against Gettysburg and scoring a goal in each of the two following games.

The game against Gettysburg began as an evenly matched game, and the first half concluded scoreless.

Early in the second half, the Bullets fired in two back-to-back goals. The Mules would not surrender without a fight, and after a hard shot by Schmidt was deflected, Freshman Ashley Reed collected it and netted in the Mules' lone goal. Unfortunately, it was not enough, and the team lost its first of a five-game winning streak.

The Mules' next away game proved to be more successful, as they defeated Dickinson College 1-0. This win assigned them a third place seed in the Centennial Conference.

The top four teams get a bid into the Centennial Conference Playoffs. With one more Conference game to go versus fifth-ranked Ursinus College, the Mules are in excellent shape to get a bid.

In the game against the Red Devils, the Mules were outshot 20-11, leaving the work cut out for senior goalkeeper Stacey Spencer and her defense. Spencer had eleven saves on that day, and junior defender Kate Amari added two defensive saves.

The teamwork combined for a shutout versus sixth-seeded Dickinson College. Junior Amy Schmidt capitalized on a pass from Sophomore Andrea Dello Russo and scored the isolated single goal in the game.

In their last home game of the season, the Mules not only posted a win against Washington College, but completely dominated the game, out-shooting their opponents 32-9.

Senior Rebecca Armstrong ended her career on Varsity Field on a high note, scoring off of a penalty kick, 31 minutes and forty seconds into the game.

Exactly twenty minutes later, Armstrong tallied an assist as she shot wide on goal; Sophomore Elana Rabinowitz forwarded it into the net.

Junior Amy Schmidt made her mark yet again, this time with a long goal late into the first half; Senior Maureen McLaughlin had the assist.

With six saves on the day, Spencer recorded her third straight shutout and fifth overall this season.

Now going into the last week of regular season play, the Mules' final seeding in the Centennial Conference depends on the outcome of their match-up this Saturday.

Sophomore midfielder Kristen Cioeta expressed the team's confidence, stating, "We feel that we can beat any team in our conference."

Cioeta went on to explain the team's optomistic and excited attitude towards the conference tournament: "We're trying to take it one game at a time. We have to beat Ursinus this weekend. It's crucial. So, at this point, that's our main focus."

With solid leadership from their five seniors and a confident and determined attitude about the team as a whole, the Mules are gearing up in what hopes to be an exciting post-season.

DID YOU KNOW?

BEFORE TENNIS BECAME KNOWN BY ITS CURRENT NAME, IT WAS CALLED 'SPHAIRISTIKE.'

-HTTP://WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/COLOSSEUM/SLOPE/8765/TRIVIA.HTM

CONTACT

Allison	Kristen	Robin
aauclair	zieg3527	deci1827
@muhlenberg.edu	@muhlenberg.edu	@muhlenberg.edu

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

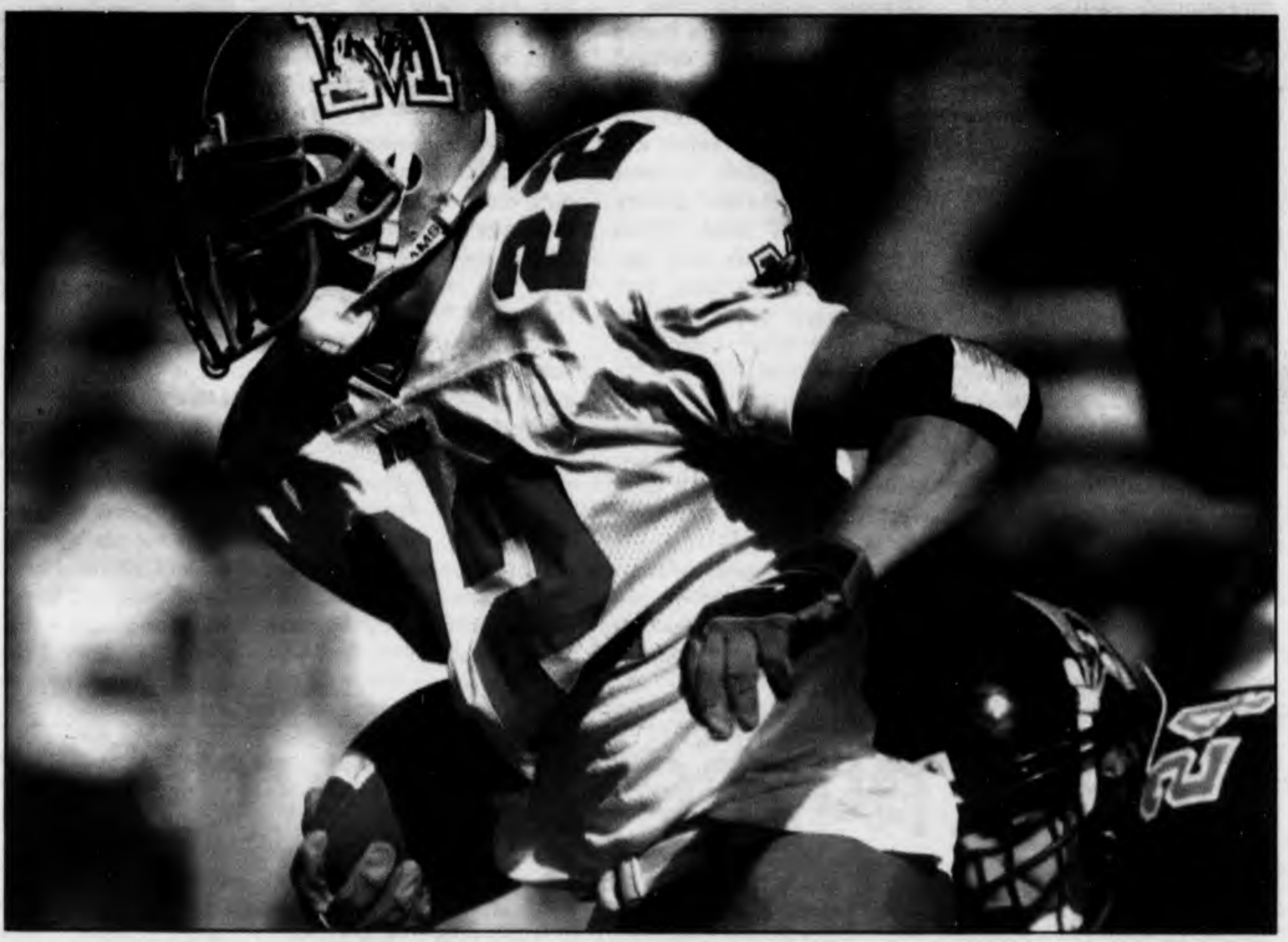
SPORTS

Inside: *The Mules battle up to be third in Conference*
page 19

Inside: *The 'Berg defeats the Garnets in three sets*
page 18

Mules dominate rival Blue Jays

By Allison Auclair and Allison Marman
Sports Editor and
Weekly Sports Writer



Freshman Ross Turner carries the ball down the field to aid the Mules in their win against Hopkins.

Photo by Rob Kandel

As the two Centennial Conference defending co-Champions battled it out last Saturday, Muhlenberg (6-1, 3-1) showed its depth and strength, defeating the Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays (5-2, 2-2) 9-6. Coming off two strong wins over Dickinson and Ursinus Colleges, the Mules went into this match with their usual passion and intensity.

This was the second time in a row that the 'Berg defeated Hopkins at their home field, and this win will ensure that, if sharing the Centennial Conference title with Hopkins, the Mules will earn the bid to the NCAA playoffs-- the same as last season.

The Mules began the game on a positive note as Sophomore Phil Gascar intercepted the Blue Jay ball on the Mule 40 yard line to change possession from Hopkins back to Muhlenberg.

Shortly following Gascar's interception came the first Mules field goal, a mere seven minutes and twenty seconds into the first quarter.

Sophomore Jordon Grube was the kicker of the field goal, which was the result of a 59 yard, fifteen play drive. Thus, the Mules seized the lead early in the game and never looked back.

An illegal shift call on Hopkins' next drive cancelled a touchdown pass and forced them to answer with a field goal of their own from a less impressive 34 yds.

The score remained 3-3 until Senior quarterback Nick Rosetti connected with Freshman Michael Karchner with a 35-yard pass, setting up the second field goal with just ten seconds on the clock.

FOOTBALL

Sophomore receiver Chris Giannini commented, "the offense wasn't doing anything wrong; we moved the ball well throughout the game. It just gets difficult to find the endzone sometimes."

That seemed to be the case this weekend, as the Mules held possession for nearly two-thirds of the game and had sixteen first downs, completed more than half the attempted passes and had a number of third down conversions.

At the end of the first half, the Mules were leading with a score of 6-3. They were also ahead of the Blue Jays in possession time; the Mules finished with seventeen minutes while the Blue Jays finished with thirteen.

The second half began with a Blue Jay injury, which was quickly followed by another Mule field goal by Grube.

With over ten minutes left to play in the third quarter, Grube nailed his third kick to give the Mules a 9-3 lead, the kick following an eleven play sequence with a total of 47 yards.

The Blue Jays took possession but were unable to convert. The ball went back to the Mules, only to be intercepted by Hopkins and carried 38 yards to the Muhlenberg three yard line.

Aided by the defense of Junior Justin Adair, the Mules broke two Blue Jay passes, disabling them from scoring. With a failed run and a couple forced incomplete passes, the Blue Jays found themselves at the 25 yard line where they scored the last points of the game, making the final score 9-6 in favor of the Mules.

With multiple season ending injuries inflicting the Mules' offense, the team has seen some young talent step up to fill the void.

First losing Senior Mike Mrkobrad due to an injured foot, and then his replacement Senior Jason Spencer to a serious leg injury, the Mules have been looking to the freshman class for a motovational spark.

Freshman Matt Johnson has been working hard and putting himself on the charts, while Juniors Kyle Douglas, Chris Poehls, and Mark Bennett and Sophomore Derek DiMattina have encountered serious physical obstacles this season and are taking time to recover.

But there is no doubt in Captain Senior Mike DellaPella's mind that the team can handle the challenges that have been put in front of them. "It's been unfortunate with everyone going down, but injuries are a big part of the game," said DellaPella. "I have trust in my teammates that they will get the job done. I think all the young guys have done a great job."

In fact, the Mules have more than "handled it"; they have continued to fulfill their season mission of "getting better every day." For the past several weeks, they have been honored as having the top defense in Centennial Conference, in addition to holding national rankings for total allowed yards-per-game and rushing defense.

In CC statistics, the Mules hold the top position in time of possession (32), third-down defense (nineteen percent), sacks (25-183 yds) and rushing defense (34.3).

As the defense continues to excel, several key players are making names for themselves.

SEE **FOOTBALL** | PAGE 17

focus

MATTER
Kerry
Building Pennsylvania
A Future That Works
Joe Hoeffel
DEMOCRAT for U.S. Senate
John Kerry
USH
HENEY '04
dy Leadership in Times of Chang
Kerry Edwards
2004
rds
Your choice
for Change
IT'S UP TO THE
WOMEN
John
Kerry
AMERICA'S NEXT FIRST LADY
TERESA HEINZ KERRY
USH
NEY '04
bush.co
gewbu
dwards
NGER AMERICA
erry
Y.COM
CA
Joe
Driscoll
for Congress
www.DriscollForCongress.com

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ROB KANDEL

Young voters are an important voice

By Dr. Chris Borick
Associate Professor of Political Science

As a political science professor, I spend lots of time in my courses discussing the low levels of voting among the nation's youngest voters. It has become widely established that young Americans vote in very low numbers and are generally not very enthusiastic about politics in general. As is often the case, the numbers clearly tell the story about the strained relationship between.political engagement and the young. During the 2000 presidential election, only 32 percent of individuals between the ages of 18 and 24 went to the polls, compared with 51 percent of the population in general. In fact, barely even half of the cohort of Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 even took the time to register to vote in 2004.

[illegible]

Before one thinks that the 2000 election was just an aberration, the long term trends for youth voting tells us that the last presidential election was part of a more systematic pattern of indifference among the nation's young. Since 18 to 20 year olds were granted the right to vote by the passage of the 26th Amendment in 1971, there has never been even 50 percent turnout among the nation's young men and women. After reaching its high mark at 49 percent in 1972, turnout in American presidential elections has averaged about 36 percent for voters aged 24 and younger.

The low level of participation in elections by young Americans has become so accepted that we have come to celebrate the "tremendous" 42 percent voting rate reached by 18 to 24 year olds in the 1992 election which brought President Bill Clinton into office. Clearly, we have set the bar low in terms of expectations for voting turnout among young adults.

With such an auspicious history, one may be allowed to be pessimistic about the prospects of significant improvement in voting rates among young Americans in the upcoming general election. However, I believe there is an undercurrent of change in this year's election atmosphere that may actually improve optimistic feeling.

From an unscientific observation of students at the College, I'm witnessing levels of engagement that I have not seen in my eleven years of teaching. Students appear to be more invested in the presidential campaign than in recent memory, with political discussions plentiful in confines other than the classroom and true passion in the voices of young citizens who are generally considered as marginal players in the sphere of politics.

Before I'm accused of simply citing a few anecdotal observations as evidence of a changed voting landscape, there have been a number of recent studies and events that help substantiate my optimism. Recent national surveys by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center for the People & the Press has found that nearly three-fifths of voters in their teens and twenties said they have given a lot of thought to this year's election and had registered to vote. This marks the highest levels of interest and engagement since the halcyon days of 1992. I believe the recent success of the voter registration drive here at the College is evidence of this broader increase in interest, and a sign that this year may really be different.

All of this activity and energy may not translate into turnout on Nov. 2, but the signs are promising. With any luck, I'll be talking about the 2004 election in my classes as the year when young Americans realized their rightful place in the nation's electorate and ceased to be the model of political disengagement.

John Kerry: The man to lead America

By Mike Schlossberg '05
President of College Democrats

There is not enough print space in the world to explain why Sen. John Kerry will be a better President than President George W. Bush. But, there is no excuse to not use every chance to distinguish between the two, so let's begin.

Let's start with the economy: I hate to repeat Kerry's favorite fact (he completely overused it in the debates), but this figure alone is devastating. In the past 72 years, Bush is the only President to have a net loss of jobs. He is the only President in 72 years - that's through World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, recessions, Democrats and Republicans. The only one. The jobs that have been created pay less (an average of $16,000) than the jobs that we've lost.

Is that all? Of course not. Under Bush, America has seen a decline in business investment. A $236 billion surplus morphed into a $422 billion deficit. $1 billion has been cut from worker training.

Health care premiums are up approximately $3,500 dollars. No Child Left Behind, a bill that would have tripled federal funding of education, is currently underfunded by $27 billion. President Bush attempted to write hatred and discrimination into the Constitution by banning homosexual marriages, and there is more.

President Bush allowed the assault-weapons ban to expire, allowing AK-47s and Uzis back on the street. Someone please tell me: If you are fighting a war on terror abroad, how can you possibly let weapons of terror loose at home?

On the environment, Bush rolled back over 200 environmental protections. He is the first President of all time to receive an "F" from the League of Conservation Voters, a non-partisan environmental watchdog group. Senator Kerry, by contrast, has been given an "A".

This list goes on; it is infinite.

As for Senator Kerry, is he perfect? No. Is he better? YES. In his time in the Senate, he has proven himself to be a moderate liberal, not someone "on the left bank" of the American mainstream, as the President would like us to believe. Kerry has voted for limits to the federal deficit, balanced budgets and balanced over 200 different forms of tax cuts. Senator Kerry's plan calls for a balanced budget and a removal of the tax cuts that President Bush gave to individuals making over $200,000. He would also close tax loopholes that actually give American companies monetary incentives to ship jobs overseas.

Senator Kerry is in favor of assault weapons bans and would fight for its reinstatement. He is not in favor of same-sex marriages, but he would press states to grant partnership rights so that homosexuals would be treated with at least some measure of dignity, something to which the current President clearly opposed.

Senator Kerry has said that he would appoint judges who would uphold Roe v. Wade, thus ensuring the protection of a woman's right to have an abortion for generations to come. Senator Kerry would fight for two additional army divisions in order to expand and relieve our beleaguered and brave troops that fight for us now. Considering that nine out of ten of our army divisions are currently involved in the Iraqi combat, this idea is one that is long past due. President Bush is opposed to it.

In the end, Kerry is America's best hope, and I beg all of you to vote for him on Nov. 2.

Photo by Rob Kandel

President Bush: Still the man for the job

By Mitchell Reading '05
President of College Republicans

The last few weeks have been quite exciting on campus, and the next few will prove to be even better. Why all the hype? We're sitting in one of the most influential areas for the upcoming Presidential election. After being part of what I thought was an extremely unpolitical campus for the past three years, I'm excited to see students not taking their right to vote for granted. Hundreds of students have newly registered to vote, many making Allentown their voting district. Having a say in one of the most contested areas in a definite swing state will make the election memorable, especially for students voting in their first Presidential election.

In my freshman year I was one of the few students who joined the College Republicans, although at the time I was just beginning to find my political identity. Four years later -- and now the head of the organization -- I still have a lot to learn, but what I can do is offer my own views of the election regarding why I think that President Bush is the best candidate.

I'll be the first to admit that neither candidate is 100 percent ideal to me, but President George W. Bush more than adequately stands for what I want in our country's leader. Since I will be soon be graduating from the College, there are some issues that are more important to me than others.

First of all, I want a strong economy so that corporate America will be opening many of new cubicles to college graduates. Bush is my man for the job, as he concentrates on creating more jobs through lower and simpler taxes, which in turn helps small businesses.

Bush has plans in place to educate those looking for work to help them realize higher education and to get those truly motivated to work back into the job-market. Sen. John Kerry fans point to Bush's "run up" of the federal deficit and attack the economy, but we all must realize that President Bush truly did inherit an economy that was bound for recession after the Internet bubble burst. On top of that, the terrorist attack of Sept.11 has still left investors unconfident.

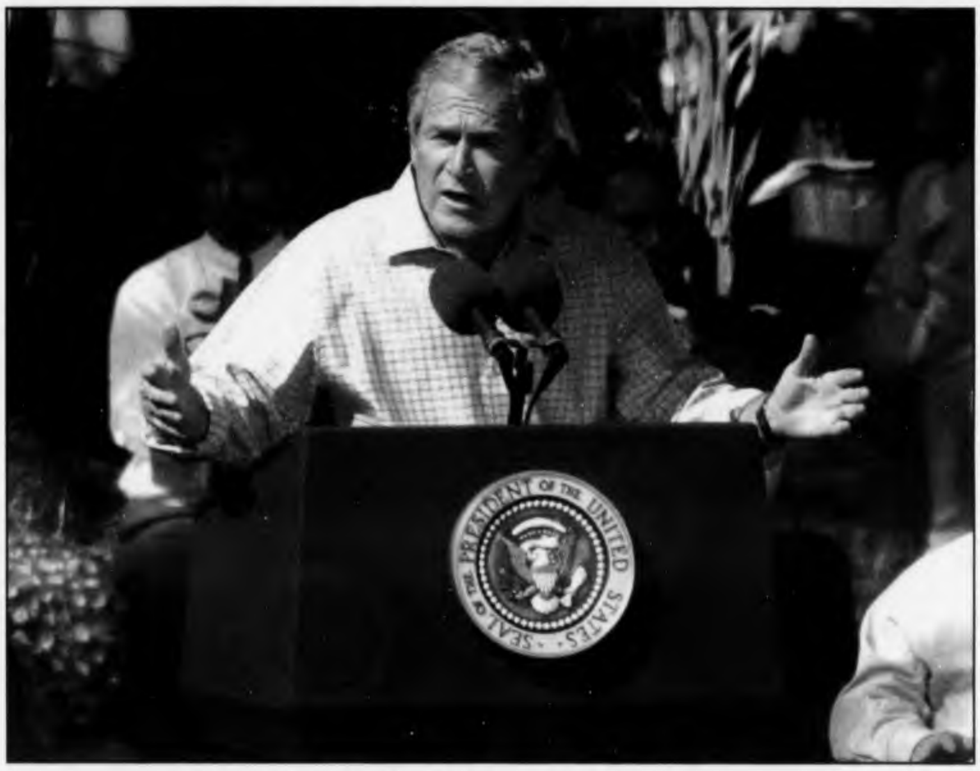


Photo by Rob Kandel

In one of the Presidential debates, President Bush stated that there is certainly more work to be done, but the answer is not to open our lives to the scope of government, or raise taxes. Issues such as government controlled tax raises are important to me and many other voters.

The hottest topic in the Presidential election is the war in Iraq. Both Bush and Kerry voted to go to war in Iraq after seeing the same intelligence information, so we'll call that a simple draw. There is a difference, however, in that President Bush is dedicated to doing what needs to be done to defend out shores from terrorism before the terrorism hits home where it hurts the most.

I was heartbroken to hear another student from the College comment on how ashamed she was to be from America when studying abroad, as everyone hated our country and its President. I also studied abroad but in a liberal campus setting. I also witnessed some anti-Bush sentiment. I, however, have a somewhat different outlook, in that I am proud to be from America and to have a leader that will stand up and do what is right for America first.

There are many other issues that must be considered, such as healthcare, social security, abortion and policing our borders. All of these issues were addressed in the extremely informative final debate and both candidates had much to say. But for me personally, I still am not sure how Kerry intends to fix social security, and I certainly cannot support more hands of the government regulating healthcare and raising our taxes to fund it.

An issue as significant as the Presidential election can always be debated ad infinitum. Do yourself a favor and do further investigation on what's most important to you. Most importantly, make sure you go to the polls and voice your opinion. This election is of great importance, especially regarding the current world situation, and young voters should definitely make thier voice heard.

Opinions from the heart of the battleground

George W. Bush's
percentage of favorability
among Lehigh Valley voters

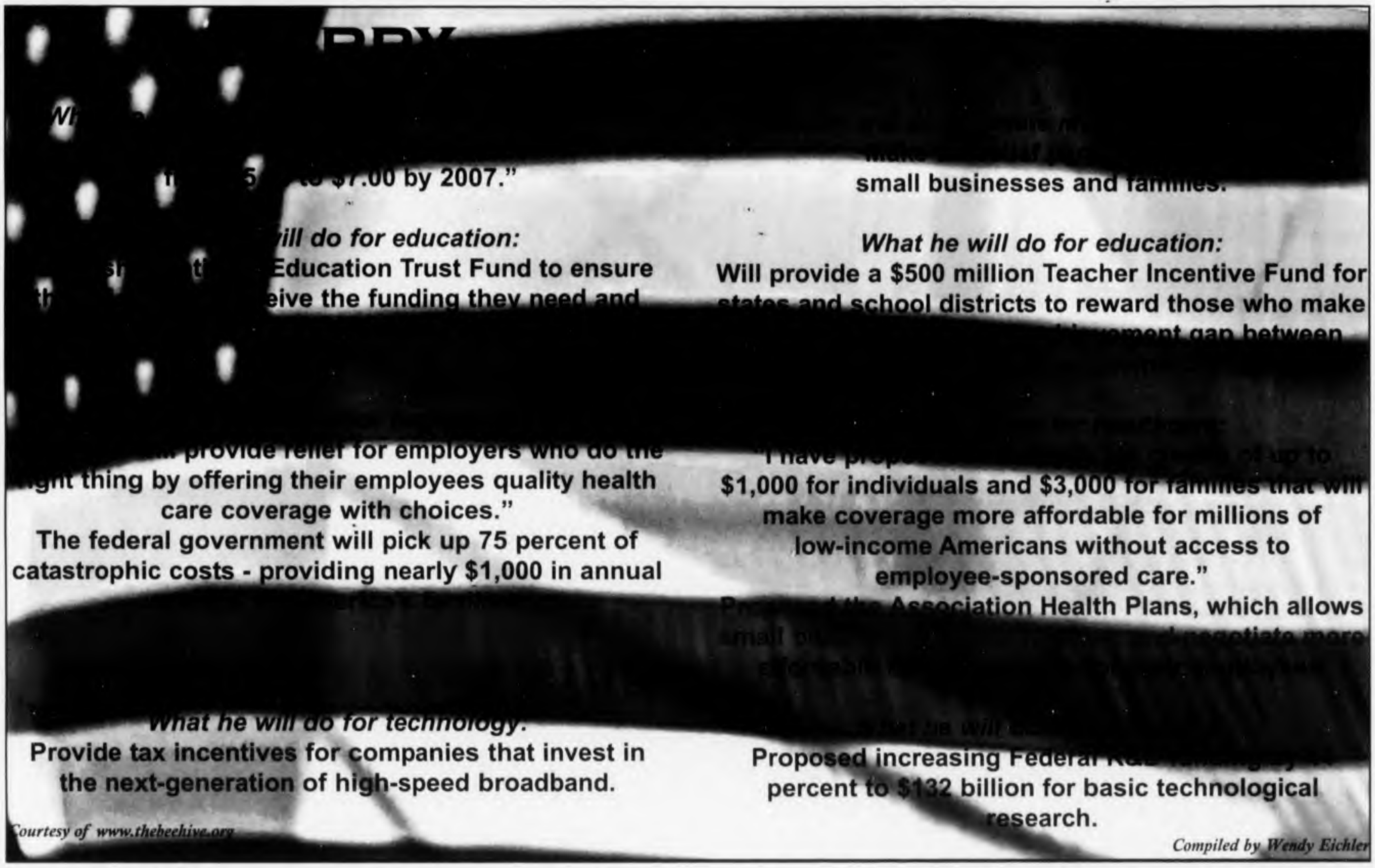
	December 2003	March 2004	May 2004	September 2004
Favorable	54	51	50	44
Unfavorable	37	44	43	50
Neutral/ Not sure	9	5	6	6
Have not heard of him	<1	<1	1	0

John Kerry's
percentage of favorability
among Lehigh Valley voters

	December 2003	March 2004	May 2004	September 2004
Favorable	31	45	40	46
Unfavorable	28	39	40	44
Neutral/Not sure	17	14	17	9
Have not heard of him	24	2	3	0

Courtesy of The Morning Call *and Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion*

Kerry/Bush Face Off



$7.00 by 2007.”

ill do for education:
Education Trust Fund to ensure
eive the funding they need and

provide relief for employers who do the
thing by offering their employees quality health
care coverage with choices.”
The federal government will pick up 75 percent of
catastrophic costs - providing nearly $1,000 in annual

What he will do for technology:
Provide tax incentives for companies that invest in
the next-generation of high-speed broadband.

ourtesy of www.thebeehive.org

small businesses and families.

What he will do for education:
Will provide a $500 million Teacher Incentive Fund for
states and school districts to reward those who make
achievement gap between

$1,000 for individuals and $3,000 for families that will
make coverage more affordable for millions of
low-income Americans without access to
employee-sponsored care.”
Association Health Plans, which allows

Proposed increasing Federal
percent to $132 billion for basic technological
research.

Compiled by Wendy Eichler

Influences on the undecided voter

Wendy Eichler
Asst. Focus Editor

Depending upon what time you are reading this, there are less than 120 hours left until the day I affectionately call "E-day." This year's Presidential election will be the first in which just about every college student of this generation nationwide will be eligible to vote, making it a momentous day in the life of students across the country, myself included. I hope that for everyone, the decision to vote is a no-brainer. Yet to me -- a registered Independent Pennsylvania voter -- the choice of who to vote for is a bit perplexing.

Unlike my colleagues from the College Democrats and Republicans, I am not sold on either President George W. Bush or Senator John Kerry. Paradoxically, the more I research each candidate and their respective stances on most issues of the election, the more undecided I become.

Although certain issues are quite unequivocal for me, such as abortion and civil rights, I find myself endlessly ruminating over the possibilities and consequences for each point of view. Political issues, I'm learning, are by no means cut and dry. It is a good thing I did not major in Political Science.

It seems that the American media, a self-reported source of "fair and balanced" information, has often added to my confusion over the issues I have encountered this year. As a result, I guiltily admit that I get much of my political information from a man named Jon Stewart.

Paradoxically, the more I research each candidate and their respective stances on most issues of the election, the more undecided I become.

Perhaps to stifle my rising suspicion of American media as a source of legitimate information for the election, or perhaps just to get some credit without being stuck in a classroom, I decided to intern this semester at *The Morning Call*.

Consequently, my work there has pulled me into the addictive study of the Presidential election. My supervisors invited me to watch a voter focus group composed of Lehigh Valley voters, which I excitedly observed from behind a one-way mirror.

The panel, which included registered Democrats, Republicans and Independents from both Lehigh and Northampton counties, was moderated by Christopher Borick, Assistant Professor of Political Science, in conjunction with the College's Institute of Public Opinion. The eleven voters that I observed ranged in ages from 20 to 73 and included a retired Sears electronics repairman, an urban planner for the city of Easton and even a student of the College.

Photo courtesy of www.muhlenberg.edu

Interestingly, the person with whom I identified the most was the eldest of the group, a man named Walter Schmidt. Schmidt, a retired spray-painter at Mack Trucks, has been getting much media attention recently as an undecided voter in a swing state holding 21 electoral votes. Regarding how the debates influenced his opinion, Schmidt said, "It confused me more than it changed me." I relate. With the minutes ticking away until "Decision 2004" is a thing of the past, I hope that my deliberation over the first presidential election in which I participate will be worth its cost.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Alcoholics Anonymous holds meetings on campus. Counseling Center director stresses confidentiality.
page 5

Inside

New spin on Pippin *inspires some while leaving others wanting more. Ben Vereen is gone but the flavor is not.*
page 9

VOLUME CXXV, ISSUE 7 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2004

Heffer will not seek reelection as chairman

By Michelle Sartor
NEWS EDITOR

John Heffer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the College, will not be running for reelection to his position when his term ends on June 30, 2005.

Heffer became Chairman in August 2002 when David Long resigned from the position.

Heffer became a member of the Board of Trustees in 1994. He said, "My daughter Alison, class of 1996, was enrolled at Muhlenberg, and I was asked to join the Board by [former] President Arthur Taylor."

Trustees serve three-year terms and can only serve for 12 consecutive years before they need to take at least one year off.

Since this is Heffer's eleventh year, he decided to be a regular Board member for one year with the new Chairman.

He said, "The timing is right as next year we will be well into implementing the Strategic Plan and activities such as enhanced fund raising to support the initiatives. I think it is preferable to have a chair that can serve for several years as the plan becomes a reality."

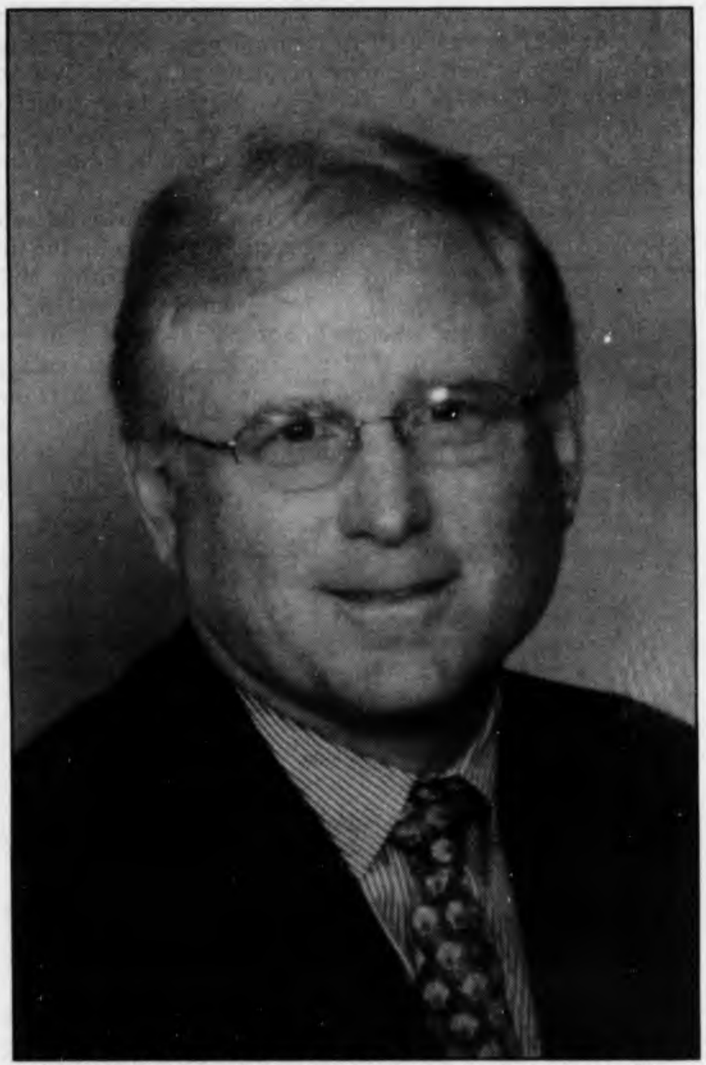
Heffer decided to announce his decision now so that the Nominations Committee can have plenty of time to consider other candidates.

The Chairman's term runs from July 1 to June 30, but elections are held in April.

He said, "I think what I have done is given the Board and Muhlenberg College a very orderly and thoughtful process by which to choose a new chair, especially given that after June 30, 2005, I will only be allowed to serve one more year on the Board without taking a year off."

Ted Lithgow '53 is the Chairman of the Nominations Committee, which will be in charge of

SEE **TRUSTEE** | PAGE 8



John Heffer P '96, Chairman of the Board of Trustees will not be running for reelection.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

New SAT requirements for incoming classes

By Michelle Quirk
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Changes are currently being made to the Scholastic Aptitude Test, or SAT, which means high school students will begin taking a different test than those students already enrolled in colleges and universities throughout the country.

The new version of the test will not be administered until March 2005, and therefore, the current version will be given until that point.

The next entering College class will have taken the current version of the test, though current high school juniors, entering college in Fall 2006, will take the new SAT.

The changes that are being made to the SAT primarily involve the addition of a Writing section, consisting of a 25-minute essay and a 35-minute multiple-choice section on sentence structure, sentence error and grammar.

"Colleges also will be able to actually download the essay and use it as an additional writing sample," said Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid.

Readers using a rubric supplied by the College Board will grade the essays. Each essay will be read twice, and if the grades assigned vary by more than one standard deviation, a third reader will re-score the test.

The new section will be scored just as the other sections are scored, on a 200 to 800 point scale. Thus, the total top score will now be 2400 rather than 1600.

What is now called the Verbal section will be renamed the Critical Reading section. Currently, the section contains analogy questions, but in the new version, analogies will not be included.

The current Verbal section also contains longer reading passages, but in the new test's Critical Reading section, shorter reading passages will be included.

There will continue to be a Math section, but a few third-year math problems will be added covering topics in Algebra II, in addition to Algebra I and Geometry. Also, the questions termed "quantitative comparison" in the Math section will be eliminated.

The total testing time will increase to 3 hours and 45 minutes, and the cost of the

SEE **SAT** | PAGE 6

Students to paint art in Seegers

By Michelle Quirk
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Face lifts to Seegers Union are currently underway. The beautifying measures include an introduction of student artwork in the hallway adjacent to the Garden Room as well as a reorganization of the message boards throughout Seegers.

The art project was sprung by Mike Alexander '05, Andrew Kalish '06 and Ryan Kipp '06. "We wanted to rejuvenate Seegers and have been working on things for two to three weeks now," said Kalish. "Mike and I thought that there was really not enough student artwork on campus."

Kalish and Alexander met with Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Students. "She was thrilled about the project," said Kalish, "and directed us to talk to Scott Sherk of the Art Department who had tried to do a similar project several years ago."

The group, which has become an ad hoc committee of Student Council, also

SEE **ART** | PAGE 6

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

SAT as an indicator is valuable

THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE RELIABILITY AND VALIDITY OF THE SAT has been an ongoing one. The introduction of the newest version of the SAT is supposed to create a more accurate assessment of student's abilites, as well as a better predictor of how well students will do academically in a college environment. Having been subjected to the most recent revisions, including the addition of a writing assessment, the SAT will now be that much more of a powerful tool in aiding admissions officers in choosing accepted students.

The revised version of the SAT is a more powerful tool for assessing applicants as it included a writing section, along with the traditional verbal and math components. By testing students' writing abilities, the SAT examines a broader range of academic skills, thus making for a more accurate test. Regardless of whether or not the new version of the SAT turns out to be a better measure of student's abilities, the fact remains that the SAT is still a standardized test, and it is one of the few tests that can compare students across the nation. GPAs cannot accomplish this, as they are calculated on different scales and with different weighting at every high school. Thus, the SAT is an effective way in which to compare students despite differences in their high school's GPA system.

While the College does require applicants to submit their GPA, prospective students may submit a writing sample in place of SAT scores. This option, while seemingly benign, actually poses many problems. There is no way of knowing that this writing is actually the work of the applicant; a parent or a friend could easily write the submitted paper. This is no comparison to taking a standardized test in a controlled environment in a set time period where cheating is highly unlikely.

The tests carry weight and are an indicator of ability to take a test in general, which is, of course, a skill that all college students must have. The new SAT is a beneficial tool for determining a student's appropriateness for the College that should not be forfeited to a submitted essay.

Dumb bird, smart ass

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

The Atlanta Braves: powerful warriors who charge head first into battle. The Carolina Panthers: sleek cats with the ability to pounce in an instant. The Lehigh Hawks: powerful birds of prey that will destroy all that is in their path with their sharp talons. The Muhlenberg Mules: stubborn, sterile creatures and always half ass.

It certainly cannot be argued that the Mules are the worst team name in the history of sport (even as a Boston Red Sox fan, I can admit that stinky foot coverings are not all that threatening), but there is certainly room for improvement. Mules, according to website for the International Museum of the Horse, can be lazy and oftentimes shy away from danger.

While laziness is not always problematic, and staying clear of danger is an excellent idea, a lazy sports team that always "plays it safe" isn't going to win any championships.

It remains to be seen if the Mules are an improvement over the College's last mascot: the Cardinals. Cardinals are a popular mascot for many teams including baseball's St. Louis Cardinals and football's Arizona Cardinal. Yet, what is really so outstanding about this tiny red bird? According to Cornell University's Ornithology webpage, cardinals do little more than sing, forage and grow to less than 9 inches tall.

Of course, there are other colleges whose mascots just don't project a powerful image. Take Franklin & Marshall for example: the Diplomats.

Diplomacy is great if you are entering the Middle East, and if F&M is willing to sit down and compromise their points at the next football game, then I'm all for it, but I do not believe that this is their intention. The Diplomats and the Mules. Politicians and asses-oh wait, one in the same.

The saying is "dress for success," and this is why solders do not wear tutus into combat. At the same token, this is exactly why athletes should not run onto the field of court with tiny birds, politicians or sterile animals on their chests and hats. No more little birds. No more politicians. And please, no more half ass.

Living at one plain College

Jason Klein
Weekly Guest Columnist

No college in the nation is more diverse than our own Muhlenberg College. Where else can you see so many different brands of designer clothing? Is there another college in America where you can see more shades of dyed or bleached hair? Can anyone name another institution where cultural diversity relates directly to what part of New Jersey you're from or whether you call a deli order a hoagie, sub or hero? I doubt you can because the College is the most diverse school in all the land.

There is a moral to this story: we are not a diverse campus.

Some people mistake diversity as being something to do with religion or even skin color. However, we at Muhlenberg know that diversity refers not to those things but to one's preference between Abercrombie, Hollister or Express. To further enhance our status as a diverse campus, some students rebel against clothing from the aforementioned big three distributors and choose to wear "alternative" clothing to prove that they need not conform to the standards set by our brain-washed youth obsessed with self-image. Unfortunately, the efforts of these nonconformists to rebel against popular fashion often end in tragedy as all nonconformists end up dressing in the same torn jeans and vintage t-shirt. Still, even with this minor set back, diversity still reigns.

Hordes of caucasion students claim their favorite weekend activity is "drinkin' some OE, while rollin' in my pimped out Honda wit' my ho', an best not fo' get blastin' Jay-Z". And yet, other students on campus have found themselves listening to Dave Matthews after watching "The OC", further demonstrating our diversity.

Fiscally, the students of the College are diverse as well. It seems there is a tremendous difference amongst students over the car their parents bought for them on their sixteenth birthday. Mercedes, Lexus and BMW's seem to be the standard -- however, further adding to the diversity I have heard rumors that the parent's of some children bought them an American car (ew!). My roommate said he heard a story of some kid whose parent's did not buy them a car on their sixteenth birthday -- instead, the kid had to get a job and buy himself a used car (gross!). To add to the monetary diversity at the College is the choice of credit cards of the Student Body. In a new survey, most students say that their credit card bills (from four of the major companies - Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express) are paid for by their parents directly, however some disadvantaged students say that their parent's instead transfer money into their personal bank accounts and force them to pay the bills.

There is a moral to the story: we are not a diverse campus. We pretend to celebrate diversity, but we do not have anything to celebrate. Diversity implies drastic differences; these differences do not exist on our campus. No matter how hard we pretend to be different, and how hard we fight for an obscure cause, we can not be diverse because as a campus we do not accept the most important type of diversity. We fail to accept diversity of opinion.

We celebrate the popular forms of diversity with Gay Pride day, and we bash those on campus who support President Bush. Why is it that the only forms of diversity we celebrate are those that pop culture deems celbretory? Shouldn't we be proud of our differences too? Maybe we just aren't as accepting as we pretend to be.

Election Defection

Max Lux
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Nov. 2 has come and gone, and honestly, it has not come fast enough. You see, unless you have been living under a rock for the past few months, pretty much since the semester began, the entire College has been abuzzabout one thing: the presidential election. This is a wonderful thing, of course, witnessing college-aged students actually willing and chomping at the bit to vote.

This political activism breaks the stereotype of our generatioas being predominantly apathetic in regards to political issues. While some will still get their political opinions from uninformed movie stars and singers, more often than not, I have seen an incredibly educated Bush vs. Kerry debate raging throughout GQ during the months prior to the election. However, I hear the same statements, over and over, watched and re-watched clips from the presidential debates amidst snickers at Bush's mannerisms or Kerry's suspected cheating.

This election has severed our once tightly-bound College campus into polar, bickering sides. How often have you heard a emphatic "Bush is a moron!" or "Kerry can't

SEE **BUSH** | PAGE 4

Media bares distorted eye-view, a cracked lens

Sara Shoenleber
Weekly Guest Columnist

We, as students, trust the national news media as an information source: a clear lens through which we can see the world. Its purpose is to go where we cannot and give us a clear report of what is going on. Unfortunately, our major news media does not even begin to give us accurate reporting of important events in our world. I'm not just talking about Fox News Channel's "fair and balanced" approach to blatant bias; this is a matter of news distortion as an entirety.

The news picks and chooses facts to give the public. A perfect example is the Lori Hacking murder case. As soon as Lori Hacking was reported missing, the news quickly brought up the question of whether her husband Mark was responsible. They repeated that authorities were "unsure" of Mark's involvement in the case. They were also unsure at that point of the involvement of the mailman and the family goldfish, due to the fact that investigations had not been completed. The media in this case rushed to the implicit conclusion that Hacking was a suspect. He was actually later arrested on the charge of the murder of his wife, but had he been innocent, he would have had to live the rest of his life being treated like the next O.J. Simpson as a result of media spin.

Why would the news networks be so quick to convict Mark Hacking? Also, there are hundreds of murders every day; why would the news spend all of its time on a particular case? Just look at how much people tuned in every time there was a new development in the Laci Peterson case of a few weeks prior, which followed a similar formula. Call me cynical, but viewers mean money.

The only thing I heard from CNN were some oversimplified statements about diplomats and UN ultimatums, as well a some vague mentions of "atrocities"

Another, far more troubling example of media distortion is the coverage of the current genocide in Sudan. It was only after independent research did I read specific stories of what was going on: women being gang raped by an entire militia, men being forced to watch as their children were killed and their villages burned, the government allowing renegades to cut off food and water supplies to black communities as a method of ethnic cleansing. The only thing I heard from CNN were some oversimplified statements about diplomats and UN ultimatums, as well some vague mentions of "atrocities."

Yet another example is the coverage of Afghanistan. The bombing campaign and the subsequent downfall of the Taliban regime received copious coverage on the news, but within weeks it was scarcely to be

SEE **MEDIA** | PAGE 4

Let's raise the bar on sensitivity

Allison McAllister
Weekly Guest Columnist

When you are talking in class or at GQ with your friends, do you ever think about whether or not you are offending someone around you? A lot of us do, or at least I hope so. Students and faculty alike may refrain from talking about topics that are considered "politically incorrect." People might shy away from politics or religion--our parents taught us not to discuss these issues at dinner.

However, most people do not think about whose feelings are hurt when we discuss topics like cancer, drunk driving, mental retardation, rape or even sexually transmitted diseases. These are all topics that we learn about in school, and, for the most part, that we openly discuss in public. However, do you ever think about who you could be hurting with your careless language?

I want to scream whenever I hear someone say, "I wish my parents would just stay out of my life."

Many of us are guilty of making jokes about topics such as these: calling a friend retarded, saying that test was insidiously difficult in a colorful manner, laughing at someone who has herpes. I personally use the expression "retarded" at times. I meant no harm by the statement, but sometimes we inflict pain even when it is unintentional.

I get chills up my spine every time someone mentions cancer. I want to scream whenever I hear someone say, "I wish my parents would just stay out of my life."

It has been one year, nine months and twenty-two days since my father died. He is one of the many victims of cancer who did not live to tell his survival story.

The pain that my father suffered for those eight months never leaves my conscience, but I cannot blame people who do not know.

Nor can I yell at my roommates for expressing excitement about their parents visiting for Family Weekend and the teacher who assigns an article about cancer because of its relevance to the curriculum.

I hope that next time the school schedules a simulation drunk driving accident, they take into consideration the number of students at our school who have lost someone in a car accident whether it be drinking related or not.

If I lost one of my family members in a car accident, I do not think I could handle walking past Seegers Union, listening to the sirens, viewing a car wreck and then going to class to hear all my classmates talk about how stupid someone would have to be to drive drunk.

Athletes and freshman here are required to attend a rape prevention seminar, yet no one considers how many of them could have been victims themselves.

It is sad, but true, that the majority of people in the world have been affected by at least one of these issues, not to mention all the ones I might have missed, such as physical abuse or Alzheimer's Disease.

I know it is important and necessary to educate people on such topics, and I do realize that people can not censor everything they say in public, but please remember to be tactful and sensitive to those who may be suffering.

Are you afraid of the dark?
Yeah, we can work with that.
Write for Op/Ed!
contact
Amy Cookson x4023

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Managing Editor
Ben Veghte, Asst. Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
OPEN, OP/ED Editor
John Dunphy, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
Julie Strasser, Focus Editor
Rob Kandel, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Business Manager
Michelle Quirk, Asst. News Editor
Kate Arney-Cimino, Amy Cookson, Max Lux, Asst. OP/ED Editors
OPEN, Asst. Life! Editor
Robin DeCicco, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Johnny Canneto, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Sveta Shah, Chrissy Culotta, Copy Editors
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7 p.m. Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2004. All rights reserved.

MEDIA | FROM PAGE 3

found on the back pages of national newspapers. To this day, we only receive bits and pieces of carefully selected information about the country's reconstruction, such as the fuzzy coverage of the recent presidential election. Is this to say that nothing interesting is going on in Afghanistan? Of course not! Is the country on a smooth path to democracy and equality, or is it quietly slipping back into the hands of radical warlords? There's really no way for us to know. One has to wonder how the media selects the scraps of evidential news we receive. We are told that many Afghani women have voted, but we are not told about how many were probably forced to vote for their husbands' candidate by threat of a beating.

Our news media obviously gives us a sheltered, rosy view of the world. Nothing makes this more evident than the coverage of the war in Iraq. Until Michael Moore mentioned it in a current speech he gave at Lehigh University, I had no idea that 100,000 innocent Iraqis had been killed as a result of the war. I did not know that the American-led "shock and awe" bombing campaign did not kill a single Saddam loyalist on the government's "most-wanted" list of targets, that only civilians were hit.

We hear the word "injured," but we never hear about the soldier who has taken a bullet to the aorta, or the soldier whose leg was blown off during a gunfight with Saddam loyalists. A few decades ago when the American people saw the graphic realities of the Vietnam War on television, the anti-war response was immense. Perhaps the media is trying to avoid more of this outrage. This claim, of course, would entail all sorts of theories of conspiracies between the media and the government.

Many, Michael Moore for instance, have speculated that because almost all television networks are owned by major corporations, programs tend to swing to the right because the shows' arbiters want four more years of George Bush's corporate tax benefits.

These are only speculations, but it says something that we know so little of the ways and methods of our mass media that we are left to our own imaginative faculties. It is a hopeful sign, however, a reason to believe that there are still people who think for themselves, that all of us do not swallow untasting from the national news feeding tube.

The media appears to have free rein to manipulate the public mind at will. Once the people relinquish their independent thinking to a conglomerated machine, there is no limit to the power of that machine. A startling few question the news media's assumed authority, and if this trend does not reverse, the consequences can be devastating.

What I'm trying to say is, think for yourself. If you are aware the media is biased, make your own decision based on what YOU think is right. Get informed, turn off the television and think independently.

'He drinks tequila and she talks dirty in Spanish'

Kate Arney-Cimino
Asst. Op/Ed editor

Country music is about more than melancholy lyrics of Lorrie Morgan and White Stetsons. It's also about the dancing that goes along with it.

Everywhere today we see leaders, and we see followers. This is very clear at the College, not necessarily with people following the Student Body President's leadership, but with people following a fashion or a trend.

This "trend-setting" happens in large social settings such as at a college or a high school, but it also happens at smaller levels and can be understood best at a country western line dancing venue. Line dancing is the perfect example of leading and imitating. Fortunately, we at the College have demonstrated that we can do both of these very well.

For those unfamiliar with line dancing, it is more than just the electric slide. When a hundred or so people on a rectangular dance floor are all moving in the same direction at the same time, you are witnessing the spectacle that is line dancing.

. The song starts and everyone sort of looks around for someone to start a line. Usually about three or four leaders step forth and begin the dance. People, based on their proximity to the leader and whether or not they know what is transpiring, will 'follow the leader.'

> *"It's like playing a sort of social stock market: You never know if the one you pick will be the winner."*

At first everything is chaotic, however by the end of the song everyone has conformed to two lines, and sometimes everyone is following just one line, but they are all dancing in unison. It's like playing a sort of social stock market: You never know if the one you pick will be the winner.

College is a time when everything, within reason, should be tried once. This means trying new foods, dating outside the box and dancing in a line. I can't explain the feeling you get when everyone is dancing in sync. It's similar to when everyone sings the national anthem at a baseball game or when the country did "Hands across America."

The great thing is the empowerment you feel when you start the line. All line starters are very confident in their steps to the point that other people, even better dancers, won't question their moves. This is, of course, mirrored in life. Actors are told that if they are going to make a mistake, make it big, and the audience won't have a clue.

There have been times that the entire line dancing group does the electric slide backwards because the idiot that started it was so confident that the people around him would follow like lemmings.

Who are the confident line starters on campus? What I've learned in line dancing is that everyone can be a line starter; that's the beauty of it. All you need is confidence and one follower, and the line spreads like fire. What trends and what ideas would you like to make more common on this campus?

Let's start setting trends on the Muhlenberg campus. How about a more chivalrous approach in the usually brazen attempt of how men court the opposite sex on campus? Or, let's make a trend of pointing out all the beauty our College has to offer us.

To become empowered, I recommend line dancing a few times until you know enough steps to start a line. At the end of the dance, when you look around and see that the people around you are watching your feet for the right step, for guidance, for leadership, it is glorious. Will you get in line, or begin the dance?

BUSH | FROM PAGE 3

decide on anything? Mingled, of course with the whimpers of any Nader-sympathizer who rears their head at any social gathering. It's a great thing to see people being informed and giving a damn about anything that happens in the world, but when it is so thrust down one's throat it becomes tiresome, to the point that some get adverse reactions to even thinking about voting.

The media, biased or unbiased, is bordering on oversaturated with the latest slander and ill-informed opinion.

Many have chosen sides, it seems, based on popular preference amongst their circles of friends: hating Bush 'simply because', or regurgitating hackneyed quips like 'This is a pointless war!' Yes, that's quite well-known, almost to the point where the president himself is losing touch with his own conflict.

We have had tables, alternating in the same place between democrat and republican, in Seegers Union, each pleading for support, coupled with t-shirt sales, button sales and such a deluge of propaganda that it makes Pepsi look like a girl-scout selling cookies.

The college politicians, both parties, at least, deserve hefty praise for their continued efforts to get people out to vote. However, they continually add their two cents on the issues, almost to the point that if you register with them, you're registering for their candidate. That is just unfair.

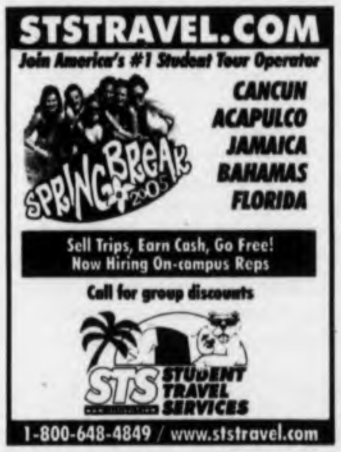
Impartiality in getting people to vote not only creates a beneficial environment for a bi-cameral system, but also a good outlet for any undecided students on campus. Let them decide. Finally, there is the issue of the protests, sorry, 'demonstrations' at the respective rallies of both candidates.

Although it was almost a month ago, it is worth noting that Kerry supporters flocked to the Lehigh High Parkway to wave 'I love Kerry' signs amidst Bush's speech. These, of course, are the same individuals who were horrified and shocked by the Bush demonstrators at the Kerry rally.

We live in a sheltered community, this is true, but there must be a happy medium that we, as students can come to regard politics and life.

However, in an election as heated as this has been, it is difficult for some to approach matters with a calm, impartial hand, but to thrust their opinions back and forth like flaming arrows on the eve of war.

The schism that was caused by a presidential election in our cherished College Community is all too real. It is a wound that truly must be healed. For if we cannot share this sacred community of a college as has been the merit of alumni past and present, in what way are we truly being educated?


STSTRAVEL.COM
Join America's #1 Student Tour Operator
CANCUN
ACAPULCO
JAMAICA
BAHAMAS
FLORIDA
Sell Trips, Earn Cash, Go Free!
Now Hiring On-campus Reps
Call for group discounts
STS STUDENT TRAVEL SERVICES
1-800-648-4849 / www.ststravel.com

Business Internship Oppurtunity
Student development company COLEGE PRO is seeking individuals with leadership abilities to run their own franchise!

Contact for more info
Jeremy Morgan at (610) 524 5421
jmorgan@collegepro.com

First AA meeting held on campus

Meetings meant to encourage student participation

By Jeremy Duncan
Weekly News Wrtier

Students who want some assistance in recovering from alcohol problems now have a new, yet familiar, place to go on campus.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is an organization that has recently established a presence on the College's campus.

According to Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services, there were meetings held at Muhlenberg three years ago, which had "pretty good attendance for about a year."

Interest in the program dropped off, then faded away.

A few students this year, dealing with their own personal recovery from alcoholism, came forward asking how AA could return to the College.

Although there are many AA programs in the Lehigh Valley and some within walking distance of campus, Kelly admitted there are convenience and comfort factors with the meetings beyond Muhlenberg property.

There is also an age issue: the hope is that the Muhlenberg AA meeting will be mostly a young adult group.

Students may be more willing to participate if the group is made up of primarily their own peers.

> *"It's important for students to know that there is anonymity and confidentiality."*
>
> Anita Kelly,
> Director of Counseling Services

The meetings, however, which are being held on Thursdays, are available to anyone, especially Muhlenberg students, faculty and staff.

People from the community are also expected to attend.

In fact, someone from Allentown is currently in charge of the meetings, showing the community's involvement.

The return of AA to campus began earlier this school year, but, as Kelly pointed out, "it takes a while" for the meetings to gain a strong attendance.

According to Kelly, people from the surrounding area have tried to support the meetings, but a more active student involvement is necessary to achieve lasting results.

Signs were posted, and a handout was put in every student mailbox in hopes that interest will grow.

There are some impediments to AA being a success here at Muhlenberg.

Kelly also noted that many students have been uncomfortable sharing private, intimate issues in the group format of AA, because they are afraid that information will get out into the larger College Community.

Kelly said there also needs to be a more permanent meeting location, suggesting Seegers Union as a possible meeting location.

"It's just a matter of time" said Kelly, until the meetings are thriving on campus again.

"Definitely by the end of the year, the comfort level will be right," Kelly said.

Kelly responded to allegations that advertising for AA is taking away some of its essential anonymity: the meetings themselves are not secretive, but rather "the information [shared at those meetings] is kept private."

> *"AA at Muhlenberg is no different than community AA."*
>
> Anita Kelly,
> Director of Counseling Services

She said further that "all advertisements were necessary," but word of mouth will be the most effective form of advertising.

"Students listen to what their friends have to say," said Kelly.

According to their website, Alcoholics Anonymous is "a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism."

They are not affiliated with professionals but are facilitated by peers. There are no dues or fees involved in the organization.

Kelly said there was a lot of cross-over between college run programs and AA, and hopes there will continue to be some in the future.

She emphasized, "It's important for the students to know that there is anonymity and confidentiality... AA at Muhlenberg is no different than community AA."

She was confident in the survival and helpfulness of AA on campus, and with increased student involvement, Kelly hopes Alcoholics Anonymous may be able to help more of the College's students in the future.

-ADVERTISEMENT-

DISABILITIES AWARENESS WEEK 2004

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

11:00 a.m.-Noon & Noon-1:00 p.m. Rooms 108-110, Student Union
Brown Bag (2 sessions):
Bobby Torres "Adaptive Technology"

4:30 p.m. Trumbower 130
Sponsored by Faculty Center for Teaching

"Educating Grover" (original play by Tade Reen '99)
A panel discussion with Mark Sciutto, Sally Richwine and Jeff Rudski follows the film.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Noon-1:00 p.m. Rooms 108-110, Student Union
Brown Bag:
Sam Laposata "ADA and Employment"
Cailin Pachter "Career Development"

7:00 p.m. Miller Forum, Moyer Hall
Curtis Pride
(Professional Baseball Player)
Presentation on his experience as a deaf athlete.
(Reception to Follow)

9:00 p.m. Garden Room, Student Union
Karaoke for a Kause (Sponsored by the Class of '06)

THANK YOU TO ALL THE SPONSORS WHO HAVE MADE THIS EDUCATIONAL WEEK POSSIBLE

Disability Services
Office of the President
Dean for Academic Life
Biology Department
Psychology Department
Office of Community Service
Faculty Center for Teaching
Dean of Students Office
Sociology/Anthropology Department
Campus Safety & Security
Office of Academic Support Services
MAC/Student Activities
The Wescoe School of Continuing Studies
Comfort Suites of Allentown
Theater & Dance Department
Athletic Department
Office of Career Development & Placement
Humanities Seminar
Panhellenic Council
Library
Counseling
Delta Zeta
Multicultural Life
Chapel
Admissions Office
Sodexho, Inc. & Affiliates
Office of the Provost
Health Center
Philosophy Department
Muhlenberg Bookstore
Newman Club
Human Resources
Student Council
Classes of '05, '06, '07, '08

SAT

FROM PAGE 1

test will increase from $29.50 to $41.50.

Both the faculty and Board of Trustees of the College passed a recommendation: "For students who choose to submit the SAT, beginning with the class then enters the College in Fall 2006, we require the Writing section of the test in addition to the Critical Reading and Math sections," said Hooker-Haring.

The College plans to accept both old and new scores during the first year the new test is distributed.

"Because some juniors will be taking the old SAT in January (or may have already taken it in October), we will allow them to submit either score in the first year," said Hooker-Haring.

The College Board has field-tested the "New SAT" with 45,000 students nationwide and says the scores will remain comparable to the older version of the test.

According to the College Board's website, "The SAT assesses student reasoning based on knowledge and skills developed by the student in school coursework. The new SAT will improve the alignment of the test with current curriculum and institutional practices in high school and college."

By including writing, a third measure of skills, the new SAT is meant to reinforce the importance of writing throughout a student's education and help colleges make better admissions and placement decisions.

Beyond the first year of the new program, the old SAT will disappear, and only the "New SAT" will be available for students to take and colleges to consider.

> *"The new SAT will improve the alignment of the test with current curriculum and institutional practices in high school and college."*
>
> Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission & Financial Aid

The College's Admissions Office currently allows applicants the option of not submitting their SAT scores.

Instead, students can submit a graded paper in addition to completing an interview with a member of the admissions staff.

"We plan to take our SAT-optional plan back to the faculty and Board for review this spring," said Hooker-Haring.

Some students appreciate the current way that the College handles the submission of student SAT scores with its applications.

"I think the current way is beneficial to many of our students," said Jessica Walsh '05. "There are plenty of intelligent individuals who did not do as well as they probably would have liked to on the SAT, but who still deserve to be admitted into a great college."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	⛅	⛅
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 50 Low: 34	High: 51 Low: 38	High: 56 Low: 38

ART

FROM PAGE 1

talked to Glenn Gerchman, Director of Seegers Union and Campus Events.

The group is going to paint the 18-foot long space with white paint, take the chair rail off of the side of the hall, and put "art gallery style" track lighting along the wall. Then, space on the wall will be designated for student artwork.

Various Art Department professors will choose the students whose work will be displayed, and the work will be painted directly onto the wall, reducing the problem of theft.

"We'll put a thin film over the artwork so that individuals won't be able to draw or deface any of the art," said Kalish.

In addition, there will be small areas next to each painting with room for the student's name and the name of the piece.

To give many students a chance to display their work, the group has plans to change the artwork each semester.

The Student Council backs the project. "Hopefully, we'll be able to get all of the funding we need," said Kalish.

A formal proposal will be submitted this Friday for approval by various facets of the College such as Plant Operations and the budget office.

"Ideally, the project will be approved by the end of this semester," said Kalish. "Hopefully, you'll be able to see artwork up by next semester."

Because the Student Union is being renovated in the near future, the artwork may not remain a permanent part of the old union.

"We are not sure of the layout of the new union yet," said Kalish. "Right now, the artwork will be temporary, but when the new addition to the union is finished, we are hoping to incorporate a more permanent piece into the construction," he said.

> *"The project will allow the College to show off some of our strongest departments and will allow the rest of the College to be proud of what we do."*
>
> Andrew Kalish '06

"The art project will provide a much needed opportunity for people to show their talent," said Kalish. "The project will allow the College to show off some of our strongest departments and will allow the rest of the College to be proud of what we do."

The second part of the beautification to the Union will concern the message boards located on each level, through the hallways and in the stairwell.

"As it is now, there are boards and flyers all over," said Kalish. "No one knows where to put their notices."

The group will assign various message boards to different student organizations.

In this way, each organization will have to maintain responsibility for its board.

"There will be a space for the organization's name and contact numbers located on the boards," said Kalish.

"If someone is interested in an event or wants to post something for that organization, he or she will be able to call the contact," he said.

The group is also working to get the freshmen "ride board" reinstated.

Currently, some boards have been assigned and even relocated to different parts of Seegers.

For example, the intramural athletics board was moved from downstairs to upstairs near the Garden Room where it is viewed more easily.

Kalish hopes that by the end of the semester, all of the boards will be up and organized.

OFF CAMPUS

HANOVER TWP. WOMAN THREATENS OFFICERS

Hanover Twp., Pa – A Hanover township woman was sentenced to up to two years in prison after biting her boyfriend and a policeman and then threatening to kill police by spitting on them.

Police had responded to her residence to investigate a domestic disturbance. The woman's boyfriend was being treated in an ambulance for two bloody bites on his right arm when the officers arrived.

The woman began swearing and spitting at the officers who tried to speak to her. She then threatened to kill them by spitting on them and giving them the AIDS virus.

Karen Beth Heisler, 43, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

The judge gave Heisler a sentence of eleven months to two years for the aggravated assault charge, as well as a concurrent and identical sentence on the charge of resisting arrest. Heisler will be released to a rehabilitation center and sent to a halfway house.

COUPLE ENDANGER WELFARE OF CHILD

Hilltown Twp., Pa – A Hilltown Township couple pleaded guilty on Monday to endangering the woman's 4-year-old daughter by leaving her locked in a bedroom by herself.

Christine Coulter, 22, and Michael Stout, 23, pleaded guilty to one count each of endangering the welfare of children and conspiracy. They will face up to five years in state prison, and the sentencing is currently postponed.

Hilltown police were sent to 10 Reliance Court after receiving a 911 call after midnight in late January.

When officers arrived at the house they found the girl in her bedroom. The bedroom doorknob had been reversed, allowing it to be locked from the hallway and preventing the girl from getting out. The window blinds were also screwed into the windowsill so that they could not be opened.

In addition, there was no water, telephone or food in the room. The couple will face up to five years in prison for endangering the welfare of a child.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

Ethnobotanist speaks for Center for Ethics

By Aaron Solomon
ONLINE EDITOR

Last Tuesday, the College hosted Dr. Mark Plotkin as part of the Center for Ethics series entitled Disease: Representation, Research and Rights.

Plotkin is an ethnobotanist who studies how different Amazonian cultures use plants in traditional medicine.

He received his degrees from Tufts and Harvard and has been featured in seven documentaries. He is also the President of the Amazon conservation team.

Plotkin's presentation focused on the ongoing destruction of the cultures of the indigenous peoples of the Amazon and the need to safeguard their cultures.

"Conservation is a spiritual and ethical exercise," said Plotkin.

In his opinion, the best people to protect the forests are the indigenous peoples who live there, and they should be given the tools to effectively carry out conservation.

"There is an incredible amount of diversity in the Amazon. A single acre has more species of trees than the U.S. west of the Rockies," said Plotkin.

Hidden within this fragile ecosystem is a wealth of plants and other materials that indigenous peoples have been using as medicines for hundreds of years.

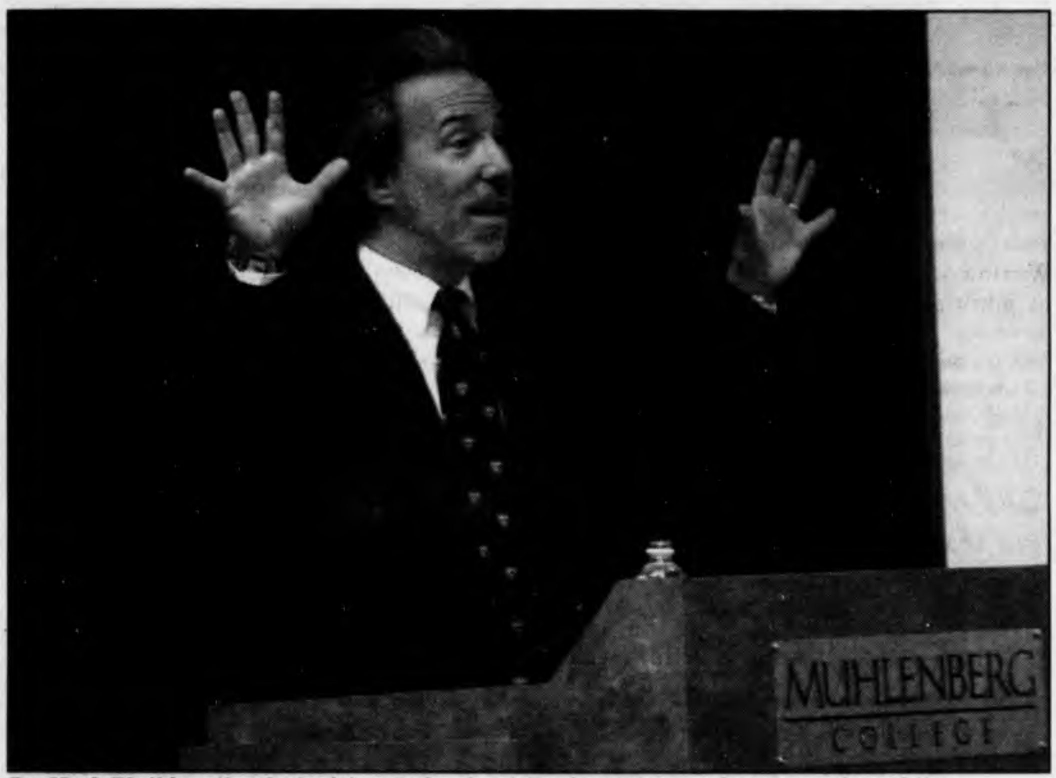
Plotkin noted that many of these medicines are made from poisons. For example, curare is a poisonous plant that has been used by natives and now by western medicine as a muscle relaxant.

The poison found on the skin of certain frog species can also be used as a painkiller that is as effective as opium, but does not have opium's addictive qualities.

"New technologies make mother nature more important than before," noted Plotkin.

A successful marriage of western technology and the traditional knowledge of Amazonian peoples will result in the creation of medicines which will combat a wide variety of ailments.

However, a major problem exists in the way the Amazonian tribes have been treated by pharmaceutical companies.



Dr. Mark Plotkin, ethnobotanist, speaks about the importance of conservation of the Amazon and the many medicines that can be found there.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

In many cases, Amazonian tribes receive little or no money from the profits of pharmaceuticals, or they are compensated in Western technology, which is introduced in a manner which has succeeded in destroying their indigenous culture.

Plotkin noted that if the culture of the natives is gone, so is the precious medical knowledge that it possessed.

Thus, protecting the indigenous culture is key to protecting the rainforests.

Plotkin explained that the key to preserving culture is to interact with tribes in a more ethical manner.

The best way to go about this is to ensure that tribes receive an amount of money and technological aid which represents a fair percentage

SEE **SPEAKER** | PAGE 8

FEATURING:
Food All Night Long
Israeli Dance Party
Air Hockey and Other Games
Movie Marathon

UP ALL NIGHT
With Blue and White

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6
The fun starts at 9 pm and
doesn't stop 'til breakfast!!!

All events are free,
and you can come and
go as you please!!

Sponsored by First Year Students at Hillel, the AVI CHAI Foundation, and Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

TRUSTEE

FROM PAGE 1

finding Heffer's replacement. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1982.

Lithgow said the Nominations Committee selects three to five people to be considered for the position of Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

These people are generally on the Board and one is a life member.

Lithgow said that the outgoing Chairman is usually on the Nominations Committee, as is the case with Heffer.

The Nominations Committee makes a list of what they expect the Chairman to accomplish in the position, and the Board sends its nominations to the Committee. The nominees are reviewed, discussed and compared to the Committee's expectations.

The Committee then gives its recommendation of one person, who is voted on by the entire Board.

Lithgow said the Nominations Committee will start looking for a new Chairman in the next month, which will give them six to eight months to find Heffer's replacement.

Their goal is to make the recommendation before April so the Board can consider it prior to the election.

Lithgow said he understood Heffer's decision because currently, Randy Helm, President of the College, is not a Muhlenberg graduate.

He said it is advantageous when either the President or Chairman of the Board is a graduate of the College.

Lithgow said, "When the president is not a graduate of the College there is much advantage when the Chairman is a graduate."

Lithgow pointed out that Heffer was made Chairman during the time when former President Arthur Taylor left and said that it would have been too difficult for the College to have both a new President and a new Chairman.

Therefore, Lithgow said, Heffer decided to stay on as Chairman for one more year to help in the transition for Helm.

According to Lithgow, the Committee would prefer to have a Muhlenberg graduate fill the position of Chairman.

Lithgow said, "It's not a necessity for the Chairman to be a graduate, but it is an advantage."

Lithgow added, however, that Heffer deserves a lot of credit. He said, "He's a wonderful Chairman and has done a wonderful job."

The Chairman holds committee meetings, represents the College, works with the President and fields questions from trustees.

> *"It's not a necessity for the Chairman to be a graduate, but it is an advantage."*
>
> Ted Lithgow '53, Chairman of the Nominations Committee

SPEAKER

FROM PAGE 7

of the profit from the medical discoveries to which they have contributed. Also, according to Plotkin, technology must be introduced in a way which is not culturally destructive.

"Peoples should take control of their land and culture with the best of western technology," said Plotkin.

An example of a more culturally sensitive approach that has already been undertaken is the introduction of GPS technology to aid indigenous peoples in mapmaking.

After they had been trained in its use, the Amazonian tribes used GPS to create detailed maps of their land.

The maps which were produced not only included borders but also included areas of historical and cultural significance.

Plotkin stated that the culmination was the creation of protected reserves in Columbia which were set up and run by native peoples.

The reserves have been very successful in protecting biodiversity.

Plotkin, however, notes that the key to protecting the rainforests is action.

"If we sit on our hands the rainforests will disappear. We need to fight now," said Plotkin.

He suggests that ethical treatment should be presented to the pharmaceutical companies as a business opportunity.

He emphasized that companies should be made to recognize that for the one percent of their profits they relinquish in fair trade, they can have continued access to new drugs. Plotkin believes the companies would be far more likely to respond favorably.

Finally, he pointed out that indigenous peoples want to save the rainforest; they just need our help to do it.

> *"Peoples should take control of their land and culture with the best of western technology."*
>
> Dr. Mark Plotkin, Ethnobotanist

Think you know whats news-worthy on campus?

Want to write for *The Weekly* News section this semester?

Call Michelle at x4464
or Laura at x4865

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 25 – Harassment by Communication – A student reported harassing phone calls to her cell phone. The suspect, another student, was referred to the judicial process.

Oct. 26 – Institutional Vandalism – Graffiti was found on a stairwell of Walz Hall.

Oct. 26 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Two employees had a car accident on Prosser Drive.

Oct. 26 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Shrubbery was struck by a bus on the Back Drive.

Oct. 26 – Injured Student – A student playing on the field got an elbow to the mouth and was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Oct. 27 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 323 N. 22nd St. due to butter in a pan getting too hot.

Oct. 27 – Lost Property – A student lost her purse somewhere between the Giant Supermarket parking lot and 2225 Chew Street.

Oct. 28 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Two students, John Dyer '07 and Adam Milberg '06, were arrested by APD at 418 N. 22nd St.

Oct. 29 – Noise Complaint – APD responded to a noise complaint at 420 N. 22nd St.

Oct. 29 – Harassment by Communication – An employee received an obscene phone call from a man off campus. Campus Safety is still working on the incident.

Oct. 30 – Injured Employee – A lift gate on a truck came down and struck the employee's leg. He was then transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Oct. 31 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – An intoxicated student was found vomiting in the second floor women's bathroom in Prosser Hall. The student, Kirill Meleshevich '08, will be cited for underage drinking.

Oct. 31 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Two students in Martin Luther Hall were referred to the judicial process.

Oct. 31 – Criminal Mischief – Two women were walking on Albright St. when one was hit with an egg. The suspect vehicle was a dark green Jeep Cherokee with several white males inside.

Oct. 31 – Criminal Mischief – A student had a Sony Playstation 2 thrown on the floor in Martin Luther Hall.

Oct. 31 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2245 Liberty St. due to cooking.

Oct. 31 – Institutional Vandalism – An individual forced the gates open on the tennis courts on Kern Field.

Oct. 31 – Injured Student – A student's head struck a bed rail. The student was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Nov. 1 – Harassment – A female student reported that a tall male with corn braids who looks Hispanic had words with her in the 26th and Chew St. parking lot over a parking space. There is a good possibility that the male is another student.

Nov. 2 – Harassment – A white Toyota Matrix carrying four to five individuals drove by three female students, and the driver threw an egg at the women. No one was struck by it. The suspect driver is a Hispanic male wearing a dark bubble jacket and about 21 years old. The front passenger was female.

Nov. 2 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in South Hall due to steam from a first floor shower.

StudentCity.com
Spring Break
Free Meals
Free Drinks
Free T-Shirt
Official Partner Of Maxim Break

WEEKLY life!

> **"Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises."**
>
> **- Samuel Butler**

Nicholas Cade Rogers '07 adds to Robert La Fosse's vision of the musical *Pippin*.

PHOTO BY JON REIMER

Pippin achieves "Glory" in "No Time at All"

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

Each year during Family Weekend, the Musical Theater Association (MTA) puts on its Fall musical at the perfect time for the families that come to visit their children attending the College. This year, the MTA put on its production of *Pippin*, the story of a young man who wishes to find his place in society and goes on an epic search to find inner fulfillment amongst a world in turmoil.

Pippin (Nicholas Cade Rogers '07) is the son of Charlemagne, the Holy Roman Emperor (Lance Bankard '05). After realizing that he, Pippin will some day also be emperor of the Empire, he goes on a quest to fully come to terms with life and to find his own means of understanding the role he will play.

Pippin first goes to war to try the existence of a soldier, but does not enjoy it. After seeking advice from his grandmother Berthe (Becca Schneider '06), he then seeks identity through fraternizing with women. When that fails, he leads a revolution against his father. Pippin becomes emperor, but this soon falls apart as well. In the beginning of the second act, Pippin pulls the knife that he stabbed his father with out his father's back, and Calrlemagne returns. Once this occurs, Pippin goes off again.

Pippin eventually is taken in by a single mother who is the owner of an estate. After working there for several months, Pippin is finally able to find his own "corner of the sky" and lead a peaceful life.

In this production of *Pippin*, the typical, dark Bob Fosse style that made the musical famous was cast aside, and a new renaissance style was adopted. This was seen in the costumes and even in the set. The over-arching, vacant set allowed for almost a Globe Theater feel. The costumes were classic Renaissance, and the colors were amazingly bright. This new twist on the show was accompanied by a new twist on the music, in that it added to the ambiance. The play elicited a mystical feel on stage by taking the typical orchestrations and adding a more whimsical feel to them, as well as adding the sound of a harpsichord.

Rogers played the part of Pippin well. His facial expressions portrayed his conflicting emotions to the audience. Although this worked for a good portion of the show, during the second act, one starts to grow tired with the same actions and expressions that were used to define the character's inner conflict. What Rogers was doing worked; however, there simply could have been more.

SEE **PIPPIN** |PAGE 12

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHO DID YOU REALLY VOTE FOR ON NOV. 2?

"Homer Simpson 'cause hey, we got nowhere to go but up."

-Jay Effren '07

"I didn't vote."

-Lindsay Coughlin '08

"Hideki Matsui because I can't keep my eyes off the pin-stripes.

-Ally Ogden '05

"Democracy because I haven't seen it in four years."

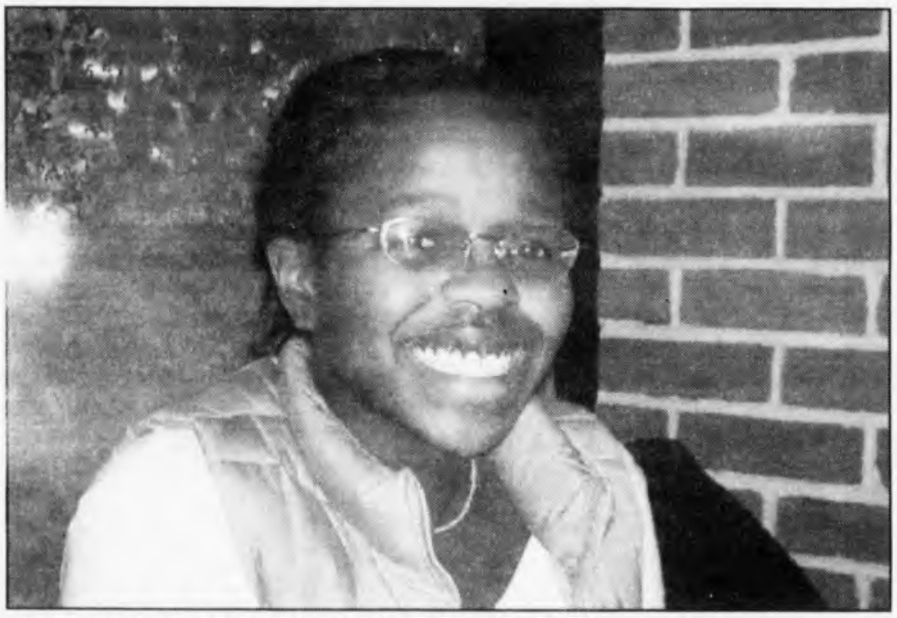
-Jon Eddy '05

"The Grimace 'cause nothing can stop the Grimace."

-Adam Consovoy '07

COMPILED BY JOHN DUNPHY

Family Weekend provides families with a campus life experience



Chris Scheer '07 is seen with family enjoying the festivities of Family Weekend.

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN JACKSON

By Jenna Fletcher
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

It may have been Halloween and the weekend before the election, but that didn't matter because it was also Family Weekend. Parents and siblings of the students once again flocked to the campus for the annual tradition of Family Weekend, and all around campus both students and their families enjoyed a jam-packed weekend of events and quality family time.

Family Weekend officially began on Friday morning, when families could observe classes. This event was a big hit especially with the first-year students and their families, who may not have understood the course load of the first-year students. One first-year student, Jackie Starner, invited her mother to observe her classes on Friday. "My mom was really impressed. She sat in on my ballet class and Dance Technique and Performance and saw what kind of training I was getting compared to at home." For many parents, it was a chance to see how the classes and college itself differs from the times in which they might have attended.

Friday evening was a night for the families to see how talented the 'Berg students are. The Student Art Show was displayed all weekend by the art offices in the CA, showcasing pieces by student artists. Works including sculpture and paintings were prominently displayed. Likewise, the Student Cabaret Show, held on Friday night showed off various student groups such as The Girls Next Door and the Step Team. (See "Student Cabaret Show features students that are sheer magic," page 10) Also, the musical *Pippin* opened on Friday evening and ran smoothly throughout the weekend to sold out audiences who enjoyed the musical. (See "*Pippin* achieves "Glory" in "No Time at All,'" page 9)

SEE **FAMILY** | PAGE 11

The Grudge: Eerie children, creepy noises. One horror cliche' after another

By Robert Plonskier
WEEKLY LIFE! CRITIC

MOVIE REVIEW

There's no reason for *The Grudge*. What at first appears to be a quaint, middle-school thriller--black cats and dead girls included is really just a gelatinous mess of scary scenes patched together by a frail story that bears no surprises; a man killed his family in before taking his own life, and now they haunt a house.

Sarah Michelle Gellar, of *Scooby-Doo* fame, plays an American nurse living abroad in Tokyo, where she is assigned to check up on a patient living at home. She arrives to find the woman unconscious on the floor, and what ensues may be one of the most ineffective horror movie scenes ever created; there's a loud noise, a taped-up door, a hissing cat, a moment of calm, an angry, screeching boy, another moment of calm, a cut-up picture and then the police are called. I don't remember if that's the exact order, but I do remember that it wasn't until this scene was over that I realized it was supposed to be scary.

What follows is a series of similar moments that come and go without ever really making their presence felt. There's no gloss to this movie and no directorial ambition, something which *The Ring*, the other Japanese horror remake, with its swamp green cinematography and chilly premise, had. If there's one thing that's decent about *The Grudge*, it's the performances; while not particularly stellar, they at least carry the movie along and viably fool you into thinking something interesting may happen. The problem is that nothing ever does, and what the acting manages to do for some time is hidden by the bone-dry script and insipid characterization. The actors were there; the storyline wasn't.

The only reason why any of these people exist is to serve the story, and it's hard to believe they aotually have lives away from the camera. This is different from most recent scream flicks where a character's sole purpose is to die. For instance, Sarah Michelle Gellar's boyfriend takes an architecture class, and any further information about anybody else in the film ends there. Without the characters being made real, it's just not as scary.

Whatever happened to the genuinely terrifying horror movie? I remember wandering through the video store as a young boy, intimidated by all the gruesome videos I would never dare rent.

Sure, I'm older now, but that's not all it is. It seems that Hollywood has lost its sense of the truly grotesque image, the ones that actually stay with you after the movie, and instead has become infatuated with dead children and a monotony of supposedly eerie noises. Even Disney's *Pirates of the Carribean* begins with a creepy little girl singing a song. It's simply one of those devices that peaked entirely too quickly.

The Grudge certainly doesn't even attempt to change this recent horror trend. With its lukewarm clichés, it's like an episode of *Are You Afraid of the Dark?* that's allowed to stay out past midnight.

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Alfie

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Friday Night Lights

Fri. 7:10
Sat. 1:10, 7:10
Sun. 1:10, 7:10

The Grudge

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Incredibles

Fri. 7:00, 9:20, 9:55
Sat. 7:00, 9:20, 9:55
Sun. 4:00, 6:20, 7:20

Ladder 49

Fri. 4:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 9:50
Sun. 4:10

Saw

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Shall We Dance

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Shark Tale

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:30
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:30
1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Student Cabaret Show features students that are sheer magic

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

Whenever parents and family members come to see their children during Family Weekend, the College is always willing to put on a show for them. This year, the Student Cabaret Show gave parents of all students the opportunity to see the different talents and abilities of some of the young performers that the College houses.

During the show, all forms of performance were given. Several groups sang, some dance and parents were often given a chance to be astounded by magic. Two of the College's acapella groups, The Girls Next Door and the Dynamics, sang at different times throughout the night.

The co-ed Dynamics actually kicked off the show and immediately grabbed the audiences attention whereas the melodic harmonies of The Girls Next Door came through in the middle of the performance and helped keep the families going. Over the years, the College has become known for its acapella performances, and that night, families of students were able to see why.

The singing groups were not the only ones to entertain. Several of the College's dance groups also performed, including the Soul Sound Steppers, Copasetic Rhythms (a tap dance group) and the Perkulators. The Perkulators also performed during the halftime show at College's football game against Gettysburg the very next day. All of the different forms of dance allowed for anyone and everyone to find something that they liked within the pieces. Families applauded as each group entered and exited the stage. The footwork of each performing group was very different, but each was able to hold it's ground and offer something new for the families.

Along with the different groups, several students sought to perform on their own. Mike Alexander '05 and Heather Glotzer '06 gave a lovely acoustic performance. They performed second, and that alone would be a daunting task for anyone. The Dynamics are a very well known group on campus and performing second to them would be enough to discourage anyone even some of the College's most experienced performers, but these two performers didn't let that task get them down, and the response they got was fantastic.

Other students who grouped their musical and singing capabilities together for the night were Kirill Meleshevich '08 who played guitar, and Ryan Kavalsky '05 and Aaron Knepp '05 who each gave their own works of voice and piano stylings.

Phil La Porta '05 was the only act not involving music or dance. La Porta has been performing for members of the College for several semesters now and finally decided to put on a production for the parents. By using mostly card tricks and confusing several audience members who agreed to participate, he caught the attention of the audience and showed the wide spectrum of performance art that is the College. "It wasn't hard being the only 'non-musical act,'" stated La Porta. "You just get out there and do what you have to do." Although the audience enjoyed his set, La Porta said that his show did have some flaws. "I think it went fairly well. Despite the fact that I botched my first piece I think that my final two helped to make my act fairly enjoyable and magical."

> *"You just get out there and do what you have to do."*
>
> Phil La Porta
> Class of 2005

The show wrapped up with Leah Goldstein '05 singing a capella. The solo performance was the perfect way to end the night, and some of the parents in the audience where seen sniffling as they watched their children perform.

The Student Cabaret Show was a great way to begin Family Weekend. It provided entertainment as well as a chance for families that were just arriving to be taken away to the world of the College.

Think you have your finger on the pulse of the College?
Think you've got what it takes to put your
money where your mouth is?

Write for Life!

Contact: John Dunphy
e-mail: forest5934@aol.com
ext. x5616

FAMILY | FROM PAGE 10

Saturday was yet another jam-packed day of Family fun. The day began with the continuation of the Class of 2005 Silent Auction. Jewish Shabbat Services were held, and the State of the College Address was given by President Helm. Afternoon opened with a family weekend luncheon in the Deitrich Field House, where students and families enjoyed not just lunch, but a balloon artist and free photos. Families could finally walk around and meet with the friends of their children and finally find out who those people are that their loved ones keep talking about.

Saturday afternoon families had many choices: they could enjoy the football game, which had a very high turnout, relax in the Red Door watching *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* or opt to listen to one of the very informative faculty panels that had topics ranging from this years election to women's role in music and Greek life on campus. This gave parents not only an opportunity to learn about these different issues, but also a chance to meet the people that are educating their children.

The day was rounded out with a selection of activities in Seegers, such as free wax hands and photo buttons after the game, which were immensely popular. Lines could be seen out the door of Seegers as families anxiously waited to have their picture taken. Even after many of them had left to go on to the other activities that the College was offering, polaroids were still flashing as families still waited for their buttons or key chains.

For the Senior class, Family Weekend was particularly special. The Senior class along with having the silent auction, also had the Post Game Class of 2005 reception. Says Ashley Godshall '05, "My parents and I had a nice lunch at GQ and did some of the activities. We went to the Post Game Class of 2005 reception, which was a very nice little affair. Later that night, we went to Seegers and made the picture key chains, received name stories and did the chocolate dipping. My mom really enjoyed the chocolate dipping."

Sunday closed out Family Weekend with events for the first-year students. On Sunday Morning, there was a first-year family breakfast. Also, in the Egner Memorial Chapel the first time Dean's List students were honored with a ceremony and a reception followed. All campus worship followed in the chapel. The day closed with the matinee performance of *Pippin* and another showing of *Harry Potter* for those who missed it.

All in all, Family Weekend was a success. Students and families enjoyed the time they spent together this weekend, and it was a welcome break from normal campus life. "My parents thought the weekend was very enjoyable and really thought the Class of 2005 reception was very well catered," says Godshall.

Assistant Director of Student Life, Beverly McEwan says, "It was a huge success. Everything went so well. The parents just love it. Favorite events for them seem to be the faculty discussions, which were just great, and of course some of the entertainment, such as Saturday night's Beatlemania."

Spring Break from $489
Bahamas, Cancun,
Acapulco, Jamiaca! Free
Parties, Free Drinks. Sign up
early and save. Organize a
small group and you can
travel free. Or sell more and
get paid commission.
Call 1-800-438-7861

Correction

-In the Sept. 9, 2004 issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, an article entitled, "Letterman letdown doesn't show lack of interest in activities" made two false claims:

-The Stupid Animal Tricks segment would have been aired on the Late Show, not the Tonight Show.
-The talent coordinator's name for the Late Show is Brian Teta, not Tetta.

-In the Oct. 28, 2004 issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, an article entitled "No dodging the issue: Dodgeball is a big hit" stated that the Delta Tau Delta fraternity raised $1,000.00 for charity when in fact the fundraiser was for the raternity, not for charity. $200.00 was donated to First Step Day Care

-In the Oct. 28, 2004 issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, the Question of the Week stated that Cameron Gosselin '08, made the comment, "Because the phrase 'party time' is not species specific.'" It was actually said by Cameron Smith '07.

horoscopes

By Psychic McMindreader

Aries

In the wake of this chaotic week of cheers, jeers, reaffirmed tears and the pulse of a nation strapped casually to the footrace of two presidential hopefuls, a nice break is in order. Especially for you, Aries, as everything in your life seems to have become centric to political affiliations. It's just plain old good versus evil. Or Democrats versus Republicans or something like that.

Taurus

Stubborn to the last he was, and as he lay there bleeding, I saw there was no victory, in the conquer of the beaten. It's over, you've lost, and it'd be best to just go quietly into the night. It would be wise to just simply stick your tail between your legs and run. But that's not your style. You're too darn proud. You'll keep fighting until you've won. Go get 'em and God bless.

Gemini

Lately, people seem to be making more and more excuses on why they can't hang out with you. Maybe it's that newfound appreciation of Edgar Allan Poe you've found, the constant laments about the world, or the way your skin burns when you've got your wide-eye upon the prize. Go do those things that you've always wanted to. I mean now!

Cancer

Pock-shots are being fired at you, and these memories will sit upon your shelf, tarnished they will be. Honestly, people are saying a lot of cruddy stuff to you, and you're just taking it. Stand up for yourself and have a little backbone. Fight back,with words rather than fists, preferably, because if you do nothing, the thought of what you could have done will always hang around.

Leo

It's a rough time for Leo's as the sun starts to droop faster and the night lasts longer. You have less and less time for all of the little things in life you enjoy, meaning less time for sports, walks and fun times in general. On the plus side, there's more night, so you and all of your firey passion can have as much fun in the dark as you could ever want.

Virgo

It's going to be rough. I'm not going to deny it. The only thing to do is just look forward, out, onto the horizon. You can do it. This is your life we're talking about: don't let anybody walk over you. Be your own person. You are the one, the dude, the guy. Now, if you could just get rid of that rash, you'ld be on Cloud Nine.

Libra

The day at last is finished, and night at last we're done with too. The winter is now beckoning, seeking none but you. You're finished with this semester, and that is that. All you want is winter break to be here, so you can go home and rest. It's not like you haven't deserved it, I mean you've worked yourself half to death. Just hang in there, and the holidays will be here soon.

Scorpio

Have you been told lately the way the rain forms a canopy above your head and shields you from the enough-said rhetoric that so devolves the rest? No one's told you lately how special you are, and it's been getting to you. Well, it's about time you heard it, You are loved, you are special and it is you who complete the world. That's all there is to be said about that.

Sagittarius

There are many points that we have made, many plans that we have laid, and yet there is that ever-crumbling, rumbling of what is yet to come. The future is creeping you out. Why not take an existentialist point of view and seize the day, live every moment as if it were your last. Just remember one thing: even though you're happy and free, streaking is still illegal.

Capricorn

Artistic talent is not necessarily something you are born with. you could always work at it and try to get better. Pottery not your thing, go with sculpture. Can't sculpt? Go with painting. Photography can be fun. It's when you try all of these and realize you can't do any of them, that's when it's time to throw in the towel and become an accountant.

Aquarius

seas and flown across the ashy skies, questing for those questions, searching for those whys. It's been a confusing month and a half, and fortunately, it's all over. All of your burning question have met answers, and only one riddle remains: Does that cute girl in Chem class want to be more than friends?

Pisces

of success across the rippled icefield we call intellect, and damn, how far you've come. You screwed up so badly that everything bad has been cancelled out. You're on top of the world, you're GPA is high, your troubles are low, and that cute girl from Chem class finally seems interested. I hate you.

PIPPIN | FROM PAGE 9

The use of extras in the show was extraordinary as well. A group of monks in masks added to the classical theme, and the performers were constantly moving, giving the appearance of an actual old English street performance.

Possibly one of the greatest aspects of the show was the scene in which Schneider sings "No Time at All." Throughout the show, there were several instances in which characters came out to the audience or lines were spoken directly to the people in the seats, but this song blasted the fourth wall away. Not only did she speak and sing to the audience, but toward the end of the song, the aforementioned monks drop down a banner that has written on it the chorus to the song. Once it is dropped, Schneider instructs the audience to sing along; the lights dim, and a bouncing ball of light follows the words on the banner as they're sung. This had most of the onlookers singing along and laughing as they did so. It was a fantastic device that La Fosse used to it's full extent.

It was a great moment for both actors and audience; however, there was one problem with the scene. The monks that had previously been a welcome, yet sinister, part of the show were now bopping and singing along. This destroyed the foreboding presence that they had established early on in the show, and from that point on, they were thought of as simple players as opposed to the sinister products of Medieval times.

Another aspect of the show that was changed was the ending. The ending to *Pippin* has often been changed and adapted for each director. In some instances, the character will commit suicide whereas in others, he will simply join the players. In this portrayal, Pippin finds his home, but then the son of the widowed mother runs off to join the players, essentially becoming the new Pippin. Although it is inspirational in that Pippin finally finds his "home," the show ends quite darkly with the boy leaving his home in order to join the players. It is the thought that now he will undergo the same trials and tribulations that Pippin has endured and will thusly create a never-ending cycle of discontentment, wander-lust and eventual enlightenment which is not necessarily a good thing.

The play was directed by this year's Baker Artist-in-Residence, Robert La Fosse. Robert had been a choreographer for several years, and the dancing in the show was amazing. This was his first experience as a director and this unfortunately showed in some of the direction of the actors such as Rogers.

Although the show was generally good, there were many ways in which Fosse could have taken the actions of his players further and gotten more from them and the audience. It was quite a good show, but had he been a little more experienced, it would have been a great one.

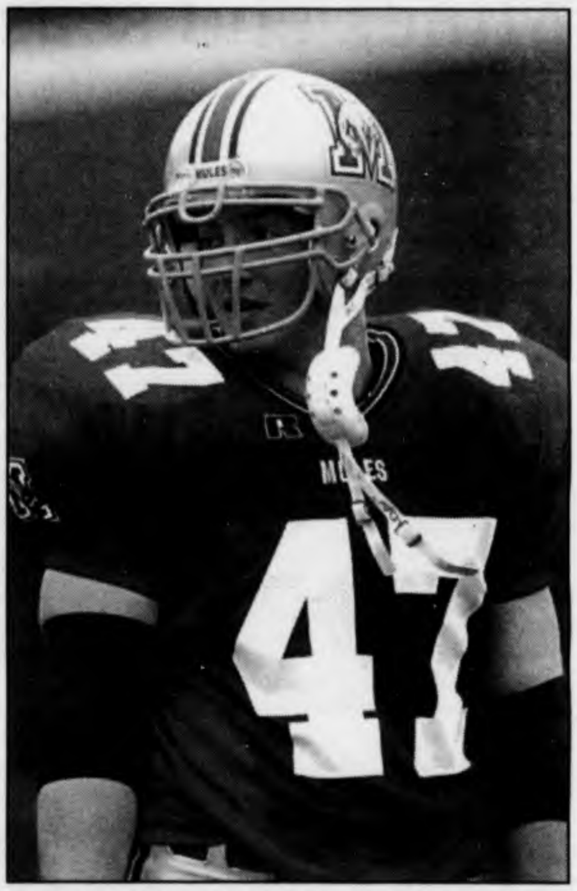
LIFE! EDITOR'S PICKS OF THE WEEK

VIDEO GAME	***Starfox 64*** Pilot your interstellar spaceship in search of action and mystery in this amazingly addicting hardcore shooter extravaganza! The game adds all new levels and even takes the fox out of the stars for an underwater challenger scenario. The graphics are brilliantly designed and can actually hold their own against many of the now popular *Star Wars* games.	***The Editor Says:*** Nintendo has done it again and created yet another mind-numbing, addicting game. No matter how many times you beat it, you just gotta go back for more. Man I need a fix of Fox.
MOVIE	***Bulworth*** A story of true politics. Warren Beaty plays Senator Bulworth, a politician who has become fed up with the system. After breaking out and literally rapping about the problems of the urban communities of America, he is targeted by the corporations that run America.	***The Editor Says:*** This movie is astounding. It's politics discussed in a manner pre-*Fahrenheit 9/11*, and it's done in a way that solves problems, not complains about them.
CD	***Scores*** Barry Manilow Manilow's latest is fully comprised of songs from the musicals Copacabana & Harmony. You'll understand why Barry was the king of catchy jingles early in his career after hearing his smooth voice in the album.	***The Editor Says:*** Seriously, if I were this smooth, I would be one of the happiest people in the world. Unfortunately, I must enlist the aid of Mr. Manilow and his smooth, smooth rythmns.
BOOK	***The Pop-Up Kama Sutra: Six Paper-Engineered Variations*** by Sir Richard Burton Learn to please your lover with this enlightening and delightful look into the world of sex. Not only is it fun to read, but it is actually quite educational as well.	***The Editor Says:*** Everyone has seen the 2-D pictures and just wondered how they could possibly do that. Now it's pop-up, and all those questions are answered.

A leader with heart

Mule Profile: Dan Walker

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor



Senior Dan Walker leads the nation's top-ranked defense in Division III.

Photo by Rob Kandel

As a senior and defensive leader of the Mules football team, Dan Walker brings experience, talent and knowledge to the team. The 6'0 defensive player from Stratford, CT, graduated from Bunnell High School as Vice President of his class with varsity letters in both Football and Baseball.

Walker is a key player in the Mule defense, as they are currently in the top five defensive teams in the division, and throughout the first four games, the Mules have allowed 166.8 yards per game, second in the country only to Carthage (159.0). With 34.0 yards per game, the Mules trail only top-ranked Mt. Union (25.8) in rushing defense.

The Mules are also sixteenth in Division III in scoring defense at 12.3 points per game allowed. One of the biggest contributors to the defensive statistics is senior linebacker Walker who has recorded seven sacks in the last three. He leads Division III in sacks per game (2.3) and is fifth in tackles for loss per game (3.3). Walker also ranks eleventh in forced fumbles.

In addition to these team accomplishments, Walker has reached important personal milestones as well. He has started in every game of his junior and senior collegiate career. In high school, Walker was All-State his senior year, and at Muhlenberg, was All-Centennial Conference his junior year.

Along with his personal success, Walker relies on his teammates to pull him through the tough times. "We are a team, and I would be nothing without my teammates. The team provides me with a constant support system, and I always rely on them day in and day out to be there for me when I get down or am not nearly as confident as I should be," Walker said.

Junior Mark Benett has also been an inspiration for Walker. Benett's injury, Walker claims, has had an enormous negative impact on the Mule morale. "I always look to Mark to get us fired up and ready, and losing him was a great team loss. Even though Benett is currently injured, he still works to get us going and is always on the sidelines inspiring us to do better," Walker said. "I would not be half the player I am now without him. He is a great role model and one of the most talented defensive men out there." Walker continued,"The entire team appreciates his dedication to the team and wishes him a healthy recovery."

Walker's teammates rely on him as well. "He's a great football player who exemplifies leadership and ability, but as a person, he is a great guy. [Walker] is probably one of the nicest guys I've ever met, and no matter what, he's got your back on and off the field. I couldn't ask of anymore from a friend or teammate--and I know the guys one the team feel the same way" Senior Mike Mrkobrad said.

Remaining modest of his skill, Walker praises others for his success. "The preparation that the coaching staff gives us as a whole is better than most schools. As a team, we have to come in at 8:00 a.m. to watch film, and it helps us see other teams' strategies and understand the other teams' offensive game plans. The overall preparation by the coaches at Muhlenberg is great."

Although football is important in Walker's life, he also realizes the importance of academics and community service. He volunteers for many community service organizations, including, Habitat for Humanity, The Republican Campaign, the Lehigh Valley Pediatric Unit and is a personal tutor for children with disabilities, Walker believes that Muhlenberg has shaped him not only as an athlete, but as a person as well.

Walker, who enjoys playing the drums, tennis and chess, suffered an injury during his sophomore year, which caused him to take some time off the field. His torn hamstring enabled him to play in a mere two games during his sophomore year, but Walker claims that he would not let the injury bring him down.

"I was still working in the gym while I wasn't able to play, and now, I look back on what I went through and see it as a learning experience. My previous injury enables me to value my time on the field and understand how lucky I am to be playing for our school," Walker said.

He has high hopes for his team for the rest of the year. "Our expectations are high right now. I really think that the losses that we have had this year have been eye openers for our team and after those losses, we have really pulled together, and we know what we need to do to succeed. We can't look for the NCAA tournament; instead, we need to focus on one game at a time" Walker said.

Upon graduation in the spring, Walker plans on working his way into the music business. Although he claims that graduation is approaching too fast, Walker spends time planning his future. He would like to embark on a musical career and start a family. For the next several weeks, Muhlenberg fans can simply sit back and watch as Walker continues to break records.

Senior Kristen Bruschi leads the Mules offense.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Mules end season with loss

By Betsy Stoller
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules ended their season with a 1-0 loss to Washington (M.D.) This win allowed the Washington Shorewomen to clinch fifth place in the Centennial Conference ranking and a spot in the Centennial Conference championship playoffs.

The game opened with a stalemate: neither team managed to get the ball in the goal throughout most of the game. Washington shot in a loose ball off of a penalty corner from just inside of the circle with 16:50 remaining in the game to make the score 1-0.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Mules had a chance to tie up the score in the last five seconds of the game with a penalty corner, the second of the game, but the Washington goalie was able to deflect the ball out of the goal.

The Mules and the Shorewomen were evenly matched in shots to goal. Both fired off six shots each.

Sophomore goalie Lauren Schram made four stops in goal for the Mules; the Shorewomen goalie Erin Q' Brien only made two saves.

The Mules finished the season 9-8 overall and 4-6 in the Centennial Conference. They are in seventh place in the Centennial Conference ranking.

Junior forward Adrienne Verbich said, "It's a shame that we couldn't end the season on a high note with a win, but we had a great season nonetheless."

"It would have been nice to make the playoffs as the current seniors have never had a chance to go, but we can only look forward to next year and hope that things are different," said Verbich.

Verbich remained positive, "We're all proud of one another and on behalf of the team; the four seniors will each be greatly missed."

Mules end season with win

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

VOLLEYBALL

The Mules season came to an end on Saturday when they traveled to Washington College (14-15, 3-7).

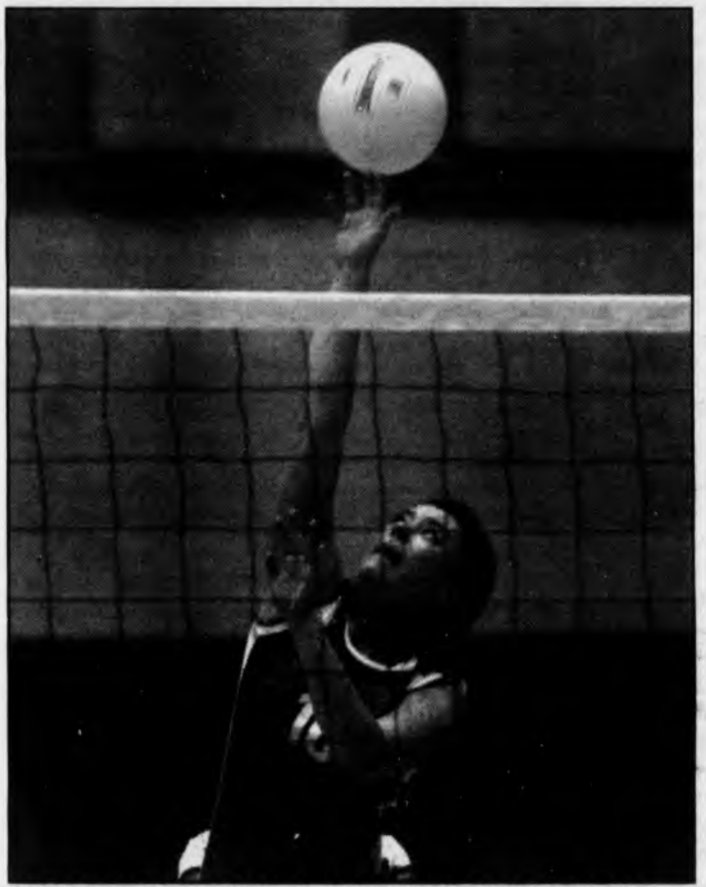
In a slow first game, the 'Berg dropped the first set 30-19. After this loss, it was back and forth as the Mules won the second set and Shorewomen won the third. (25-30, 30-21) The Mules won the fourth set 30-19 to force a fifth set. The 'Berg prevailed in the end, edging out the Shorewomen 15-12.

Junior Julie Lauro contributed 26 kills, twelve digs and five blocks. Those digs put her career total to 1,001 digs, making her only the third player in team history with 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs. She also finished with a school record of 4.99 kills per game, beating the old record of 4.60 by Allison Verduin in 1999.

Lauro was not the only player killing the ball. Freshman Jess Anselmi finished the game with a career high of fourteen kills, while Sophomore Kate Haggerty added eleven with three aces.

The defense was led by Jen Wiest, who had 28 digs. This makes her the only player to have two 400 dig seasons. Sophomore Kristin Caparro tallied a career-high fourteen digs while Junior Mary Henning added 40 assists in the win.

The Mules ended ranked sixth in the Centennial Conference. They were just one Centennial Conference win shy of the playoffs. With the young team, they have potential. The team has no seniors and the whole squad will return. Sophomore Monica Sella stated, "I am looking forward to practicing during the off season and preparing for next season. If the entire team practices hard during the off season, we will come back as a big threat to our competitors."



Sophomore Monica Sella stretches for the ball during the Mules victory.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

'Berg fourth seed in Championships

By Tara DeMarco
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Mules, although falling short 3-2 to Ursinus College on Saturday, will continue to play this year. Though it was their final regular season game, the Mules will continue their season with the Centennial Conference tournament.

The Mules' two goals came from Senior Rebecca Armstrong and Freshman Ashley Reed.

Just under seventeen minutes into the game, Ursinus's Audrey McKenna snatched up the ball and passed it onto Kristen Papenberg. Papenberg headed to the goal and kicked it in to put Ursinus on the scoreboard first.

The Mules came back when, thirteen minutes later, Reed tied it up with an assist from Junior Kate Amari.

Then, Armstrong put the Mules ahead, scoring off of a penalty kick. Her goal ranked her as the ninth player in Centennial Conference history with 100 career points.

However, Bears player Aubrey Andre was able to come back with two goals in the span of a minute and a half. These goals put the Bears ahead by one. They held this lead for the rest of the game.

The Mules were outshot in the game, with Ursinus kicking eleven shots to the Mules' seven. Senior Stacey Spector had, two saves, while Ursinus' Ashley Potter had three saves in the game.

Spector was recognized in the Centennial Conference this past week for her performance against Gettysburg and Dickinson. She recorded seventeen saves in the two shutouts. Spector's eleven saves in the Red Devils' game is the most recorded in a game by a Mule goalkeeper since 1997.

In addition to this victory, the Bears walked away with ten other wins this season. This is the most they have had in their team's history.

The Mules are now preparing for their first C.C. championship game. When asked what needs to change during their next match-up, Junior Amy Schmidt said, "We really need to come ready to play, be extremely focused and play with a lot of heart."

The Mules finished off their regular season 10-5-2 (6-3-1 in the Centennial Conference). They are placed fourth in the Centennial Conference, ahead of fifth-placed Ursinus and behind Gettysburg, Haverford and Johns Hopkins.

Schmidt said that she feels good about the post-season opportunity, stating, "We've come a long way since the beginning of the season. We've worked hard, and I feel like we are in pretty good shape right now." "Our goal before the next game is to focus on the mistakes we have made and learn to not repeat them."

Thanksgiving Break

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on November 24, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on November 28, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.! There will be *no* access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay there is a $25.00 per day charge. Late requests are subject to a $25.00 fine.

A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by **every** student who stays.
You can find a copy of the Stay Over Break Form on the web at
www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv
These are due by November 15, 2004.
Notification of approval will be distributed on the 18th.
If you have any questions please call our office at x3180.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the history of the New York Yankees organization, three pitchers including Don Larsen, David Cone, and David Wells have pitched perfect games.

WRITE FOR SPORTS

CONTACT:

Allison	Kristen	Robin
ausclair @muhlenberg.edu	zieg3527 @muhlenberg.edu	deci1827 @muhlenberg.edu

Men and women are fourth

By Allison Auclair
SPORTS EDITOR

CROSS COUNTRY

The Mules women's cross country team had their best finish all season this weekend at the Centennial Conference Championships. The Mules finished fourth, their highest finish at the race ever.

"We are so excited to have finished in such a great spot. We have all been working really hard since preseason in August, so we are very proud of what we accomplished this weekend," Junior Karen Mount said.

After the top three runners from each team crossed the finish line, Swarthmore College was beating the Mules by over twenty points.

Sophomore Chrissy Grandjean and Freshman Laura Clinton were the next two Mules to cross the line, coming in 30th and 33rd, respectively.

Their finish gave the Mules the important points they needed to finish in fourth place by two points when the Garnet's fourth and fifth came in 40th and 45th.

Senior captain Jenna Belisonzi became the first Mules runner to cross the finish line this weekend, which earned her All-Centennial Conference honors.

She was also the first Mules runner to place in the top five since Amanda Wachter came in third at a Centennial Conference meet in 1993. Belisonzi finished with a time of 23 minutes and 43 seconds.

"I think that doing so well this weekend really puts our team in a positive light for the Conference," said Belisonzi.

"We placed well and overall had very strong times, which will set the bar even higher for the future when we compete down the road," continued Belisonzi.

Belisonzi was closely followed by Mount, who finished with a time of 25 minutes and fourteen seconds.

Gearin was the third Muhlenberg runner to finish, coming in 25th place with a time of 25 minutes and 22 seconds.

"The younger runners have been working hard as well, and have been doing great things for our team. [Clinton and Grandjean] really pulled through for us this weekend to help us get the amazing finish that we had, and I am so proud of them for working as hard as they have been," Belisonzi said.

"We really did a great job this weekend, and my teammates pulled through to help us with the great finish.- I think we are really starting to come together, and I could not be happier with where we are right now," Mount said.

Dickinson, ranked thirteenth in Division III, won its fifth consecutive Centennial Conference title.

The Mules men, similar to the women, battled Dickinson and Swarthmore Colleges for second place throughout the race, but finished in fourth as well.

Junior Alexander Hotz earned second-team All Centennial Conference honors by finishing fourteenth with a time of 27 minutes and seventeen seconds.

The second Mules runner, Sophomore Stephen Rothwell, came in 23rd, with a time of 27 minutes and 46 seconds.

Haverford College placed twelve of the top nineteen runners to win the Centennial Conference championships for the twelfth year in a row.

FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE 16

has the role of responsibility thrust on him, and it translates onto the rest of us out there."

As seen through performance this season, it is not merely the seniors who are stepping up. Martin commented that "the seniors provide a very comfortable atmosphere for the underclassmen in the line to play." This has manifested itself on the field as we see the freshman, sophomores and juniors showing their talents.

What better proof of this is there than the pair of freshmen running backs, Matt Johnson and Ross Tanner, that have entered into their collegiate carrer dominating the rushing game. Johnson was named Co-Player of the Week for his performance yesterday, his first varsity start.

Johnson finished with 131 yards at 22 attempts, including two yard, sixteen yard and one yard touchdowns. He also experimented with the offensive in several half-back options, including a long pass that flew just out of Giannini's grasp in front of the end-zone.

As for the defense, the Mules are no longer focused on where they rank, but their overall performance.

According to Martin, "we're less concerned with our statistics having been there for a few weeks. Now we are just worried about providing the best chance for our offense to succeed. Statistics are nice, but we need to make the playoffs, that's more important."

There was evidence of this in the game, as the defense gave up far more yards (277) than they were averaging per game (156.4), but in the end they knew when they had to step up and stop them. Senior Ryan Peer led this effort with two sacks and ten tackles.

About the backfield, Martin added, "Adair, Gasker and McCurley were doubted coming into the season, but they have proved themselves to be one of, if not the best, [players] out there. Teams have started to single them out offensively, and they have each risen to the challenge. They're three of the unsung heros out there, and our defense wouldn't be what we are without them."

In this game, Adair and Gasker each had their own end-zone interception, while McCurley concentrated on the kick returns and pass breakups.

The Mules will play McDaniel in their next C.C. play-offs match-up.

Mules crush Bears to enter playoffs

By Betsy Stoller
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

MEN'S SOCCER

Not only did the Mules defeat Ursinus 4-0 on Saturday morning, but they clinched the fifth and final playoff spot in the Centennial Conference Saturday night when Swarthmore College defeated Haverford College 3-1.

The Mules (8-7-2, 5-3-1) finished in a three-way tie for fourth place ranking and Franklin and Marshall was 1-0-1, Muhlenberg 1-1 and Gettysburg 0-1-1. This caused Gettysburg to be eliminated and Franklin and Marshall became the fourth seed.

Had Haverford upset Swarthmore, it would have resulted in a four-way tie for third place, and the Mules would have been eliminated when the tiebreakers were applied.

The Mules will travel to Lancaster for the second time this season to face Franklin & Marshall in the first round of the Centennial Conference playoffs on Wednesday because Franklin and Marshall won the first match, 4-2.

With a disappointing start to their regular season, the Mules are ending their regular season on the opposite not, finishing with a five game winning streak.

Not only have they won their last five games, but the Mules are averaging nearly four goals per game and shut out their last four Centennial Conference opponents.

"I'm very excited about making the playoffs, especially because this is my first year playing," freshmen defender Jonathan Kliewer said. "We didn't think our team had a chance to make it, but we fell into a hot streak, and we began putting the ball into the net. We changed our lineup up a little bit and started creating more of an offensive spark."

"Overall our team just picked ourselves up and started playing our game and winning. We have a lot more confidence now and we are on roll... If we keep this up, we have a definite chance of winning the Centennial Conference playoffs," said Kliewer.

The Mules dominated Ursinus College, who have not won a single Centennial Conference game yet this year, but who have only lost by one goal to top Centennial Conference teams such as Johns Hopkins University and Swarthmore College.

Kliewer opened the scoring just a mere 64 seconds into the game and closed it just 145 seconds from the conclusion.

Kliewer has now scored his third career goal. Junior defender Adam Milberg scored his third goal of the season late in the first half, and Freshman midfielder Wesley Deininger scored a goal mid-way through the second half.

Junior forward Christopher King assisted on Kliewer's first goal with this assist. King has now recorded a point in six straight matches. Junior forward James Henshaw, who assisted Deininger, has scored in four straight games.

The Mules defense played tough as well as senior goalie Chris Davis as they achieved their third shutout in a row.

Davis said, "We really didn't expect to make it, so ending the season on a five game winning steak was big. Especially after winning the Conference and making it to the NCAA's last season, it was very important to make it back to the playoffs."

He continued, "I'm very happy we were able to make it in my last year playing. The way we're playing right now, I feel that we have a really good chance of winning these Conferences."

The win clinched the Mules' nineteenth consecutive non-losing season. That is the fourteenth-longest active streak in Division III. Due to their current success,The Mules feel optomistic as they head toward the Conferences.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Inside: *Men's Soccer ends season on five game winning streak.* Page 15

Inside: *Lauro became third player in history to make 1,000 kills - and 1,000 digs.* Page 14

Mules record first shut-out of the season

By Allison Marman
Weekly Sports Writer

Freshman Matt Johnson led the Mules' rushing attack against Gettysburg.

Photo by Aaron Wagner

You could not ask for a better time for Muhlenberg (7-1) football's last home game than Family Weekend. Loyality to the 'Berg brought the crowd to campus, but it was the team's unrelenting fight and spunk that kept every seat filled.

FOOTBALL

Although the weather was damp and dreary, the fans proved their usual undying support as they cheered the Mules to an amazing 21-0 sweep over the Gettysburg Bullets (1-7).

Just as the Mules destroyed the Bullets, Franklin and Marshall killed McDaniel College Green Terror, the Mules' main opposition for first place this game. This has placed 'Berg a half game ahead of McDaniel and in first place.

It took the Mules a few minutes to get some points on the board, but with 11:34 on the clock, Sophomore Matt Johnson scored his first career touchdown on a two yard run.

With three minutes to go in the first quarter, two holding penalties and an incomplete pass put the Mules on their own six yard line.

Rosetti, who avoided three very close sacks, managed to get off a cross pattern pass to Freshman receiver Michael Karchner. The pass was fumbled and recovered by the Bullets for a first and goal position. But a spectacular performance by the Mules' defense forced the Bullets in to a missed twenty yard field goal attempt.

After two great defensive stops, holding the Bullets to two missed field goals, Muhlenberg took their spot on the third yard line and marched patiently toward the endzone, maintaining possession and running the clock.

Three consecutive runs by Johnson produced two first downs and a sixteen yard rush touchdown, putting the Mules up by fourteen after Grube's extra point.

A big run to the Muhlenberg 34 yard line gave the Bullets a first down and some momentum for a comeback just before the close of the first half.

The back was taken down, however, by Junior Mike McCurley. The next play saw a long pass sent close to the endzone, which was picked off by Junior Phil Gasker and returned 31 yards.

A half-back option play produced a Bullet interception deep in the Mules territory. After a 40 yard drive, a tight-end screen play brought the ball to the Mules first yard line, but Johnson rushed to the endzone for his third touchdown in his collegiate carrer, and Grube followed with the extra point.

The Bullets saw another chance to grab some points when the running back found a hole and made his way to the endzone, but Junior Dan McCall made a touchdown-saving tackle just in time.

Senior Dan Walker followed with a tackle for a loss, setting Gettysburg up for a long 4th down pass into their endzone, intercepted by Junior Justin Adair. This was the second big interception in the game.

A flying catch by Giannini set off another long drive for the Mules. Back at the Gettysburg 2 yard line, an offensive pass interference gave the bullets possession, only to be lost in down attempts.

The game closed with the Mules winning easily by a score of 21-0, continuing their winning streak and sending them off to a big match against McDaniel this Saturday on a win.

The team has shown incredible consistency this season, both in their statistical numbers and their performance. With such an outstanding season so far, who is responsible for their unity on the field, as well as off?

Sophomore Dustin Martin commented that most of the credit goes to Coach Donnelly and the team leaders that feed off him. "Our coach is great, as far as defense goes, there is no better coach in the league. He makes sure we are well prepared and gives us the best chance to win every Saturday," said Martin.

One star that feeds off this strong defensive performance is Senior co-Captain Mike Della Pella. Martin stated that "Della Pella provides such a great attitude on and off the field. He's a great team player--a leader."

He went on to describe Della Pella as a "hard-nose defender with the 'play every play like it's your last' attitude. Now as captain he

Gettysburg quarterback Joe Gossweiler is sacked by Senior Ryan Peer, who bolstered the Mules defense.

Photo by Rob Kandel

SEE **FOOTBALL**
PAGE 15

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Biology and Art departments collaborate on Birds of Armenia exhibit to raise awareness about the country
page 5

Inside

Disability Awareness Week enlightens campus to the everyday trials of the handicapped
page 9

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 8 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2004

AEPi suspended for possible hazing

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

The College's chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) was suspended by nationals, and in turn the College, this week.

The suspension took place after Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs, received an anonymous phone call from a parent of a new member.

Jachimowicz said, "The parent identified a number of different behaviors that could be construed as hazing."

Jachimowicz then said he contacted nationals immediately because the incidents described to him were of physical activities.

He said the parent had called to ask how much longer new member initiation would be, and the examples surfaced during the conversation. Jachimowicz said, "I was quite shocked actually."

In addition to nationals, he also notified the College's chapter, saying, "Any time I get a claim regarding hazing I notify the chapter."

Jachimowicz spoke to Adam Aronin, Director of Risk Management of AEPi in Indianapolis, who informed him that the chapter would need to be investigated.

Aronin said someone from the national office would be at the College to conduct the investigation by the end of the week.

Aronin explained that the suspension is not a punishment for the College's chapter of AEPi. He said, "We like to err on the side of caution."

SEE **SUSPENSION** | PAGE 8

Crime continues with burglaries

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

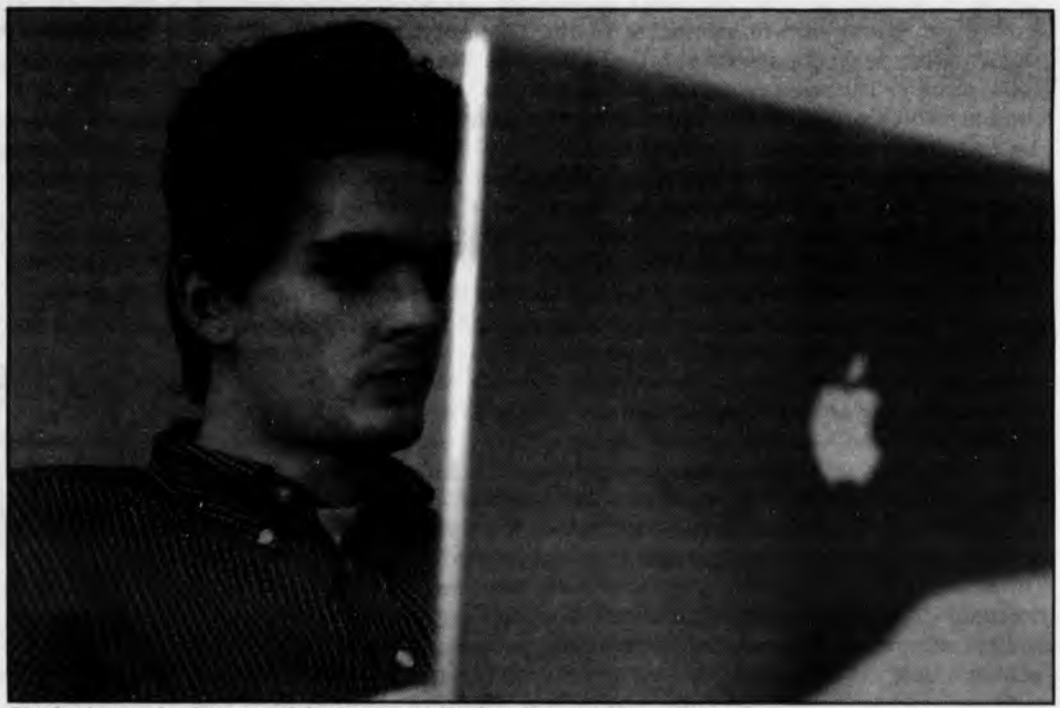
In the past week, there have been three incidents involving individuals entering unlocked homes near campus. In two of these cases, students living in the homes had items stolen from them.

The first two entries occurred on Nov. 4 between 1:00 a.m. and 1:10 a.m. Both homes were in the 300 block of North 22nd Street. They are not owned by the College but have students living in them.

According to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security, in both cases, at least some of the residents were either upstairs in their rooms or upstairs sleeping when the suspect entered their home. Nothing was taken from the first home, but a laptop computer was stolen from the second.

The suspect in these incidents is a dark complexioned black male, approximately 6'3" tall, 250 pounds and in his late teens or early twenties. He was wearing jeans, a plaid button-down shirt and a white baseball cap worn backwards. The cap might have a green panel on it.

SEE **CRIME** | PAGE 8



Students are in danger of facing lawsuits for downloading music.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Students face possibility of lawsuits

By Jeremy Duncan
Weekly News Writer

There is a clear and present danger to those members of the Muhlenberg community that download and share music illegally on their computers.

Beginning last month, representatives and agents of various recording artists have targeted the College as a place to enforce copyright laws.

Over a dozen students have already received notices of copyright infringement.

Harry Miller, Director of Information Technology at Muhlenberg, warned that these notices are "coming in more quickly."

Notices of infringement are warnings from the recording industry to individual students and carry no financial penalty.

According to Miller, there has been a growing number of such notices across the country, and "most are handled quietly and confidentially."

However, the notice is the first step in a process that could result in a student facing a $5,000-$13,000 lawsuit.

This is, as Miller pointed out, a worst-case scenario, but it is also a real possibility if students do not exercise responsibility.

Kent Dyer, Muhlenberg's Chief Business Officer and Treasurer, explained that the students being targeted are not the students actually downloading music, but rather those who are allowing others to download music from them.

As of right now, the problem is only the act of distribution--that is, sharing music.

Miller and Dyer both stressed that the College does not search students' computers in regards to copyright infringement. Muhlenberg's role as service provider is to inform the student that he or she has received a notice.

As Miller stated, "Muhlenberg is just responding to our responsibility." The College could be held liable, potentially, if it chose to do nothing.

Once the College is notified, an "extremely careful" process is initiated to both verify the notice as legitimate and identify the particular student in question.

A letter of notice is then picked up by that student at the Dean of Students' office.

According to Miller and Dyer, the music industry, essentially, has an automated process that checks thousands of downloads a day.

College campuses are being targeted because our extensive technological capabilities offer a high risk, as opposed to "individual citizens" who are more limited in their potential quan-

SEE **LAWSUIT** | PAGE 5

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

Inaccuracy is unacceptable

On behalf of the Editorial Board of *The Muhlenberg Weekly,* we would like to apologize to the Campus Community for the gross inaccuracies in photo use on page 9 and 10 of the Nov. 4, 2004, issue 7. The most crucial aspect of a media source is the accuracy of content, which precedes other very important journalistic qualities including interest, timeliness or relevance.

Without accuracy within its pages, a newspaper loses credibility with its readership and is therefore rendered useless as a source of information. Last week's error in *The Weekly* is one that we believe to be rare for our publication. It is our largest goal to be accurate. Because of the nature of overnight turnaround on a weekly basis with a limited staff of student editors and writers who are all subject to human error, we experienced the blatant mishap of wrong picture placement last week. Although our lack of staff should not be seen as an excuse for our errors, we ask that the Community forgive us for our errors and realize that this is not something that we take lightly.

While each page of the paper is painstakingly critiqued and edited, due to the nature of our transition from a pasted pages method of production to all digital production, photos are not visible on our printed pages until printing, thus leaving us susceptible to editor and printer error. This is not an excuse, but rather, simply, an explanation as to why there are sometimes misprinted photos and other such mistakes.

Regardless of our internal difficulties, inaccuracies such as those of last week are unacceptable. Having experienced the error of last week, we will now work toward correcting these errors from occuring in the future. The College Community should rest assure that we will be handling this error more stringently and dramatically than we have earlier this semester. Because of due process innate to our constitutional rules, we ask that as readers you are patient as we correct our Editorial Board problems, which we intend to remedy shortly.

We hope that you will notice changes in the remaining weeks of the semester and understand that we are constantly trying to improve our system of production to alleviate errors such as the ones sustained last week.

On a final note, we ask that as readers, you work with us toward accuracy by promptly informing the Editor-in-Chief of any inaccuracies you encounter while reading our publication. Your support, help and continued readership are greatly appreciated.

Letters to the Editor:

SATs not necessary for the College

To the Editor:

I was compelled to write in response to your bold statement in last week's issue indicating that the "SAT as an indicator is valuable." I could not disagree more. The only two premises you use in supporting your conclusion are the inability of GPA to compare students across the nation and the potential risk in using an essay instead of the standardized test. While you present valid points about the difficulty in using GPA and/or a submitted piece of work, your argument completely ignores the major pitfalls presented by a standardized test.

I will not address the racial and ethnic biases that have been attributed to the SAT in the past, although they certainly should be taken into consideration by a school using the SAT as a benchmarking tool. I am more concerned with the bias in the SAT based on the use of pre-test coaching courses. This coaching of course comes at a cost to the applicant.

The Princeton Review and Kaplan, the two largest standardized test preparation companies, offer SAT prep courses that guarantee a 100 point or more increase in your score (both companies charge $899.00 for this "guarantee"). How is this equitable? What about the student who cannot afford an expensive preparation course? This seems to present a problem similar to the one you suggest about a student who has a parent assist them on their essay.

The submission of an essay at Muhlenberg also requires an interview, which coupled with the applicants high school coursework evaluation, must surely aide the admissions committee in determining the "true author" of submitted work. How can anyone determine who has and has not been coached to succeed on a standardized test?

The College Board (the company who oversees the use of the SAT) would have us believe that the SAT is not biased toward those who can afford test preparation courses. Yet at the same time, the College Board website advertises an online preparation course for almost $70.00!

In addition, according to The National Center for Fair & Open Testing (FairTest): "The nearly 400 colleges and universities tha already admit ... freshman applicants without using any test scores have shown that class rank, high school grade, and the rigor of classes taken are better tools for predicting college success". Admissions should be based on a student's ability to succeed at an institution, not on his or her income.

Of course beyond standardized testing there is no easy way of comparing one student accurately against another, but maybe that shouldn't be the litmus test for admission to the College. Perhaps instead each student should be evaluated separately as an individual with a review of their own merits and faults, instead of using other student's benchmarks.

--Michael R. Yellin '05
Student Body President

Let's get loud

Kate Arney-Cimino
Asst. OP/ED Editor

We all are so lucky to be at a college where the administration, our professors and everyone within this beautiful community are waiting on the edge of their seats for feedback, activism and overall reaction.

Society, especially our age group, is too silent. For example, during the election people made a large amount of noise for a little time, and now that the election is over both winners and losers have retreated back into their caves.

In his concession speech, Kerry said that everyone from the election is a winner because they will go to bed and wake up an American. I do not think he was implying that we would wake up as silent Americans.

There are many outlets and forums on campus for students to express their views and feedback to the College. Some of these include the two kiosks, one being located in Parents Plaza and the other by Moyer, the *Muhlenberg Advocate,* The *Muhlenberg Weekly* and the Muhlenberg Association for Progressive Action.

Everyday there are students complaining and complimenting their lives here at the College. As everyone knows the College is not a campus without opinion;

SEE **LOUD** | PAGE 4

Proud to be a field hockey player

To the Editor:

On Oct. 30, 2004, I closed a twelve-year chapter of my life. As both my season and career end, I am forced to reflect and evaluate the last three months.

As other field hockey players can attest, this year's season was as crazy as ever, and I am left with an overwhelmingly strong feeling of pride. I am extremely proud that I have had the honor of representing our school through competition. I was aware of the pride that I have on two occasions.

The first occasion was clear to me as our team challenged the number one, undefeated, nationally ranked team in our conference.

Bottom line: they are an amazing hockey team, but these girls lack the manners and respect in which the members of our field hockey team clearly possess. Although that was one of our worst losses, I have to hand it to our team for playing with composure after receiving numerous unsportsmanlike comments, one of which was a death threat.

We may have left the field defeated on the scoreboard, but we gained experiences that will influence how we will treat future teams. I am proud that I wear a Muhlenberg jersey because I support my teammates and how they act on the field.

The unexpected level of support received from the Muhlenberg Community has strengthened my personal sense of pride. I cannot begin to express how rewarding and honored I am when my professors ask me how the team is looking, when our next game is and if we won.

Given the significance of field hockey in my life, I am thankful when it is acknowledged that I play. The support of the community has created a level of pride, and thus I feel that representing Muhlenberg on the field is important. Thanks to everyone who has supported me and my team. Here's to you.

--Sarah Fosdick
Class of 2005

Four more years--Moving on after the election

Mike Schlossberg
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

I didn't want to get out of bed Wednesday morning. How many of you out there felt the same way?

As President of the College Democrats, I have spent the past few months working for John Kerry and the Democratic ticket. On election day, I worked fourteen straight hours, driving people to the polls to vote and volunteer, making sure that people were voting smoothly (they were) and volunteering for the "Jennifer Mann for State Representative" campaign.

Afterwards, local Democrats gathered at Maingate for the Lehigh County Democratic Committee's post-election party. It was a great time—big screen TVs, free food and an open bar.

I will not lie here: if you are a Democrat, you needed that open bar. Bush won his re-election; not by a landslide, but by a clear victory (about 3.5 million popular votes and a 286-252 electoral collage victory). He is the first President to win the election by a majority of the popular vote since 1988.

Additionally, Republicans picked up four seats in the Senate and made gains in the House. Republicans now control the Senate 55-44 (with one Independent who leans Democrat) and control the House of Representatives 231-200 (with one Independent who leans Democrat and three races that are still to be determined).

This is not the time for partisan bickering. The issues are too great, and the times are too serious for such petty concerns.

The news was not all bleak for the Democrats. Democrats went from being in the minority in state legislatures to now having even control over these legislatures with the Republicans.

Locally, although Democratic Senate and House contenders lost (as they were expected to), Pennsylvania did fall into the Kerry column. What's more, State Representative Jennifer Mann won by a vote of 73 percent. She will now run for a State Senate seat in a special election in March.

From a non-partisan point of view, the news was extremely good. Voter turnout was nearly 60 percent--the highest percentage since 1992. The election was determined by the people, not the courts. There were no massive allegations of fraud or voting booth malfunctions. Though I am sure many of us disagree with the outcome of the election, I'm also sure that we can all be proud of the fact that so many got out there and participated.

Here at the College, the results were even more encouraging. In a school where it sometimes seemed that students were more likely to know how to spell "Abercrombie" than "Cheney," turnout and political interest hit an all-time high. In Allentown, the ward that saw the highest voting turnout was where Muhlenberg students voted.

The shuttle service estimated that at least 450 students were taken to the polls on Election Day and another 200 or so drove themselves. The school was covered with political literature and hosted a variety of local candidates and speakers.

Now, we must look forward, and

SEE **PARTISANSHIP** | PAGE 4

A little less talk, and a lot more action

Andrew Kalish
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

I have always been very skeptical when any organization forms a committee or task force to deal with an issue facing the majority of the organization's membership. I understand that, in theory, these committees are supposed to be extremely beneficial; you take a group of concerned and informed individuals, put them together in a room, discuss the topic at hand, make informed decisions and voila you have yourself a resolution. Yet committees and task forces do not always work in the ways we would all like.

This is a tremendous opportunity to affect change on this Campus in regards to an issue we all agree needs serious attention.

I have served on numerous successful committees where some truly fantastic work has been produced-- the President's Strategic Planning Committee, for example, but more often than not these committees turn into venting sessions where little, if any, progress is made.

In my two and almost a half years that I have been involved with this school, numerous college committees have been formed: The Sexual Assault Task Force, The Sexual Assault Implementation Committee, The Greek Life Task Force, The Campus Greening Committee, the Library Committee, the Curriculum Committee, Lectures and Forums Committee and the Alcohol Task Force, to name just a few. All were created with the best intentions, to better this College and find resolutions to problems facing it and its students.

Last Monday night, I attended a meeting of the Alcohol Task Force. I was part of a delegation from the Campus Safety Committee (yes another committee), of Student Council. We were there to present a "student perspective" to the Task Force.

I was very skeptical of this Committee from its inception. It was born out of the ashes of another task force, the Alcohol Awareness Task Force created by Liz Einhorn '05 which was intended to combat alcohol abuse on this campus. From the beginning, there was little lucidity in this new Task Force. No one knew what its mission was, who was on it, how and why they were selected to its membership and what members were discussing at meetings.

There was little if any publicity regarding anything to do with the Task Force or its mission. I continued to feel that way even as I sat there on Monday in the third floor conference room of Hass as Dr. Hemchand Gossai Associate Professor-Head Director, RJ Fellowship Program Religion, one of the co-chairs of the Task Force, gave his introductions.

My opinion quickly changed, however, once the conversation commenced. I quickly learned that in that room there was a group of concerned individuals, faculty, staff, administrators, coaches and students who truly cared about the health and welfare of the student body.

You could tell by their faces that they were frustrated with the status quo and wanted desperately to find appropriate solutions to the problems this campus has in Task Forces may hurt more than help dealing with alcohol.

There were some very promising ideas brought up: changing the alcohol education program to focus on drinking responsibly instead of not drinking at all, changes in the judicial process to make the consequences better fit the situation and a possible amnesty clause which would allow a student to seek help without the fear of punishment. These are just a few of the ideas the Task Force has been contemplating,

SEE **TASK FORCE** | PAGE 4

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Managing Editor
Ben Veghte, Asst. Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
OPEN, OP/ED Editor
John Dunphy, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
Julie Strasser, Focus Editor
Rob Kandel, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Business Manager
Michelle Quirk, Asst. News Editor
Kate Arney-Cimino, Amy Cookson, Max Lux, Asst. OP/ED Editors
Jackie Starner, Asst. Life! Editor
Robin DeCicco, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Johnny Canneto, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Sveta Shah, Chrissy Culotta, Copy Editors
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2004. All rights reserved.

LOUD
FROM PAGE 2

everyone has an different perspective about something. Why aren't we more public about our opinions?

Don't be afraid. After college it's not going to be this safe to express your views as openly. Now is your time to practice giving your opinion because it will only get more difficult as life goes on.

Does no one really care? I don't believe that. What if the College suddenly instigated an anti-sex policy That would mean no hooking up and possibly single sex dorms. Would you write then?

Suppose Muhlenberg decided to mandate that only seniors could have cars on campus. Would that provoke letters? What if the College granted a $5,000 tuition refund to students who stayed for the full four years. Would that deserve letters or gratitude and praise?

There are little changes that happen on campus for the good and for the bad. But the people who make these changes have no idea how we really feel about them.

> *We have a new president! How is he doing; do we like him; do we hate him? What do we think of his bow ties, or do we just not care?*

How do you feel every year when you swipe for the first time at GQ and find out your swipe has gone up ten cents, but the cost of a sandwich has gone up fifteen?

How do you feel about that new bench between South and Robertson in honor of a student who passed away?

What about the changes made to the mission statement of our college, or the fact that on the graduation sheet we are getting an AB instead of a BA on our diplomas; I'll make a comment about that. Is the College helping dyslexic people by reversing the letters of our degrees?

We have a new president! How's he doing; do we like him, do we hate him? What do we think of his bow ties, or do we just not care?

This is akin to when you have not seen your parents in a while and your mother asks you five hundred questions about life and how it is going; you shut down completely. the College is your mother: for now we are in her care, and she is looking at us expectantly for feedback.

I do not know about you, but I hate it when people give the silent treatment. It is human to want to be heard, to rebel, be loud and "break free." When people do not talk, nothing happens.

Maybe no one gives their opinion because they are relying on the next person to do it. Reality check: there is no one else but you and no time but now.

Stop giving the world around you the silent treatment. It is time to shape up, step up and do anything but shut up.

PARTISANSHIP
FROM PAGE 3

one thing is for certain: this is not the time for partisan bickering. The issues are too great, and the times are too serious for such petty concerns.

Republicans and Democrats, blue states and red states, liberal and conservative, we all want a better America. Indeed, we all cherish the same common values, we all love freedom, and it is that love and those values that truly unite us. What brings us together is so much greater than what tears us apart.

As a friend recently reminded me, politics are not the end that justifies the means. It's not about a partisan victory or election results. It's about making lives better and using government to create a better place. Now is the time for Democrats and Republicans to make this country that place.

I wish I were writing about how happy I was to have elected John F. Kerry President of the United States.

But the majority of the American people disagreed with me. Their team won, and I've got to deal with it. Instead of walking off the field angry and cursing that the other team won, I am grateful that I got to play because I live in America, and it has really been a privilege playing. And now is the time to do the right thing: work together for all of us. Will that happen? Probably not. But a boy can dream.

TASK FORCE
FROM PAGE 3

and, quite frankly, I was surprised many of them were even on the table. After leaving the meeting I felt very good about the direction the Task Force was heading, but their work is far from done. I hope the Task Force is willing to take risks, challenge itself not to accept the norm and look in a different direction.

I challenge the school to take these recommendations to heart and fully follow through with them, even if they are radical, even if it might be uncomfortable at first, or else this great discourse would have been nothing more than just good intentions.

In a few weeks the Committee should be issuing a final report with a list of recommendations to the school as to how to battle this problem and hopefully find some constructive resolutions to it. I can only hope that these recommendations will be published, just as some of the portions of the Strategic Plan were.

I challenge you, the Student Body, to read this report, contemplate it, digest it, challenge it and respond to it. This is a tremendous opportunity to affect change on this campus in regards to an issue we all agree needs serious attention.

We are all tired of hearing about our friends going to the hospital; we are all tired of the aftermath of poor decisions when dealing with alcohol, and I know the school is tired of worrying that on any given weekend one of our fellow students will die as a result drinking.

We all have a responsibility to change the status quo, and I truly hope that this Task Force will be the catalyst this process has needed.

STSTRAVEL.COM
Join America's #1 Student Tour Operator
SPRING BREAK 2005
CANCUN
ACAPULCO
JAMAICA
BAHAMAS
FLORIDA
Sell Trips, Earn Cash, Go Free!
Now Hiring On-campus Reps
Call for group discounts
STS STUDENT TRAVEL SERVICES
1-800-648-4849 / www.ststravel.com

Kate's mom will send you cookies if you write for her!
Write for Op/Ed!
Contact Kate Arney-Cimino x5653
katearneycimino@hotmail.com

-Advertisement-

Burn Prevention Comes to Muhlenberg College

Every Communications major is required, before graduation, to complete a Communications Practicum off of the Muhlenberg campus. As seniors with graduation just around the corner, we, Brianne Wiatrak and Rachel Sherman, have dedicated our time this semester for the Burn Prevention Foundation of the Greater Lehigh Valley area. The mission of the Burn Prevention Foundation is, To provide burn injury prevention education to and advocacy for those at greatest risk. Our personal goal is to raise awareness in the importance of Child Burn Education. In working thus far for the foundation we have discovered that the third leading cause of death among young children is in fact related to burns.

We are asking for the Muhlenberg College community to join in fundraising for this cause. We have already gained some support from different organizations on campus, but are in need of additional aid. If you are not involved or affiliated with a Muhlenberg organization, dont be afraid to get involved as well! Everyone on campus is invited to participate. Attending Muhlenberg College also means you are a part of the Allentown Community, therefore we must not forget to give back to our neighbors. The Allentown Community will greatly appreciate community involvement by students, and our college will be acknowledged for its outstanding contributions in Community Service.

Specifically, we are looking for people willing to help us in different fundraising activities or event planning. On Friday, December 3, 2004, from 9:00pm-1:00am in the Garden Room we will be hosting a celebratory event in honor of all the hard work put forth by our campus community. A raffle will be held in Seegers Union on Friday, November 12, which by purchasing a raffle ticket you will gain admittance to the event and a chance to win some great prizes from local businesses!

We are looking forward to hearing from you and hope you will donate your time and or money to help the Burn Prevention Foundations Childrens Burn Education Program. For further information about the foundation check out, www.burnprevention.org, or contact Brianne Wiatrak at bwiatrak@muhlenberg.edu and Rachel Sherman at rlsherma@muhlenberg.edu. for involvement with fundraisers and event planning.

Professor helps contribute to Birds of Armenia Project

Biology and Art departments merge for exhibition

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

The Martin Art Gallery will host the Birds of Armenia exhibition, featuring more than two-dozen full-color illustrations from the publication, *A Field Guide to the Birds of Armenia.*

The exhibition is a celebration of an international artistic and scientific collaboration that has historical roots in Armenia and is greatly important for the people of that country.

The exhibit will run from Nov. 10 until Dec. 18.

The Birds of Armenia Project began as an international effort to promote conservation awareness in Armenia.

Armenia is a country about the size of Maryland, and is the smallest of the seventeen former Soviet Republics after the fall of the Soviet Union.

The book, *A Field Guide to the Birds of Armenia*, was written by Dr. Martin S. Adamian of the Armenian National Academy of Sciences and Dr. Daniel Klem, Jr., Professor of Ornithology and Conservation Biology at the College.

Sarkis Acopian, a local industrial engineer, graduate of Lafayette College and founder of Acopian Technical Company, was the creative force behind the Birds of Armenia Project.

After the fall of the Soviet Union, Acopian, who has a special interest in conservation, felt that the Republic of Armenia needed to have accurate information about the importance of environmental conservation.

Abundant natural resources were being drained, and the environmental health of the country was deteriorating.

It is widely documented that birds have a long-standing track record of forecasting environmental changes in Western countries, and so Acopian felt that compiling a survey of Armenian birds would be a valid and useful conservation tool.

It was at this time in 1992 that Klem was asked by Acopian to consider writing a book about the birds of this newly established nation.

A team of researchers from Armenia, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States led the Birds of Armenia Project.

"Included in the *Handbook of the Birds of Armenia* is the first National Geographic quality map of the former Soviet Union," said Klem. In addition to the Field Guide and Handbook, an Armenian version of the Field Guide was also published.

The guide is considered to be a major contribution and reference to the international birding world, and is praised for "promoting awareness of the rich avifauna this little known Republic possesses and for making Armenia's birds accessible to all."

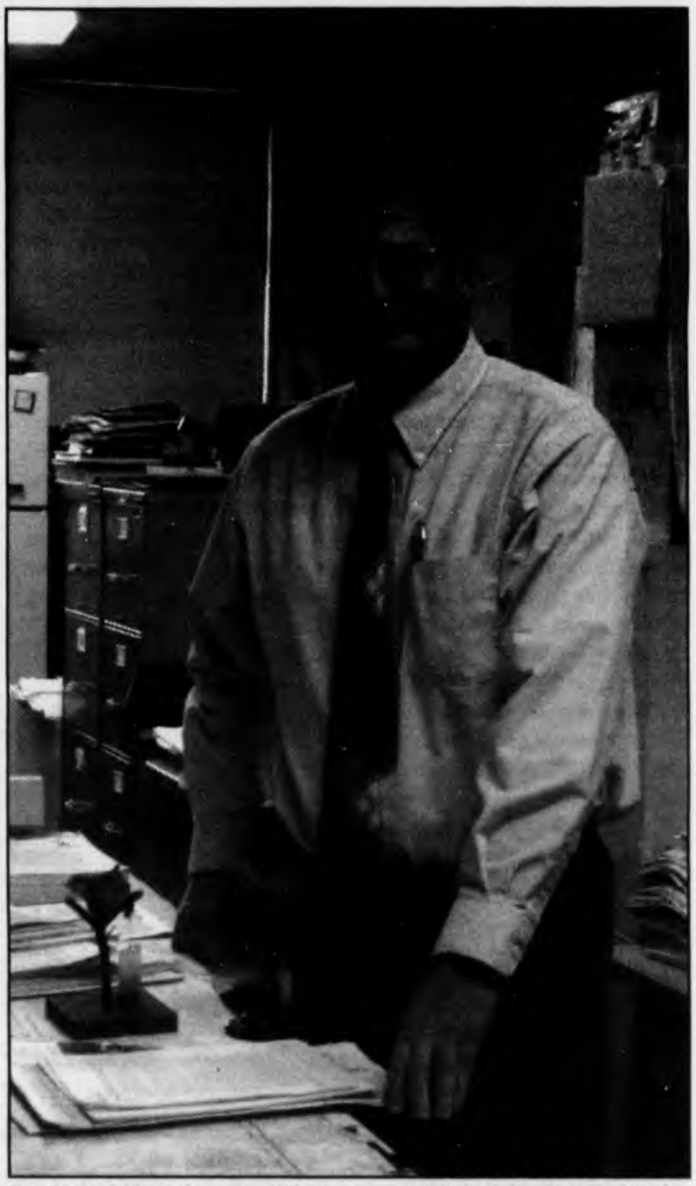
Klem is in his twenty-sixth year of teaching at the College. "I've always had a passion for birds," said Klem, "especially concerning how they are used as key indicators of environmental health."

Klem's scientific work is prominently recognized for other conservation causes. His work concerning bird deaths by plate glass has been one of the most important contributions to the field of ornithology today.

According to Klem, while house cats and cell phone towers are often blamed for killing birds, other than the destruction of their habitats, more birds are killed by glass than any other factor.

"If even only 100 million birds die each year in the United States from colliding with simple old plate glass, which is my most conservative estimate," said Klem,

SEE **PROFESSOR** | PAGE 6



Dr. Daniel Klem has contributed a great deal to the Birds of Armenia project, as well as a number of other conservation issues concerning birds.

Photo by Laura Russell

LAWSUIT

FROM PAGE 1

tity of sharing, and thus present a low risk.

Miller stated that lawyers are aware of the fact that the vast majority of the downloading and sharing of music is concentrated on college campuses.

By coming after college students, they are simply acting in a way that will achieve the best results for them in the quickest and most efficient manner.

> *"We think we are acting according to the law by notifying students."*
>
> Kent Dyer,
> Chief Business Officer
> & Treasurer

All of this legal activity was initiated by the federal Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) of 1998.

The DMCA is essentially a "collection of modifications of existing laws" that upholds "the clear and exclusive rights in distribution" of artists' and their chosen agents and representatives.

Although the Act is extensive, it also has numerous grey areas. For example, it is not absolutely clear in the DMCA on how the College should behave when a student is caught.

Dyer articulated this concern: "We think we are acting according to the law by notifying students."

However, independent experts have overseen and approved the College's procedures on this matter, and final liability now seems to fall squarely on the students themselves.

According to Dyer, after receiving a notice, most students are "generally cooperative" and "make the personal decision to remove the peer to peer software from their computers."

The music industry is completely satisfied with such removal. Another option for students is not to share music, but as Dyer explained, sometimes program settings change, and a person may share unintentionally. "Why take the chance?" he asked.

Miller and Dyer also suggested that students use the legitimate outlets that offer music to download, for example, companies like Rhapsody and iTunes.

The price to use such catalogs is nominal, and seems even more so when compared to the loss of thousands of dollars from a copyright infringement lawsuit.

Colleges and universities have taken advantage of these services to help their students avoid legal problems. Some institutions now offer discounted rates for their students.

For example, students at the University of South Carolina can now purchase, for $20.00, the Napster Premium Service for the entire academic year.

Penn State has a similar agreement with the company. This concept is in a testing phase however, and occurs mostly at large universities.

Miller explained that the increase in frequency of infringement notices may foreshadow more serious action in the future.

Both he and Dyer voiced concern for students who are not aware of the legal ramifications and consequences of irresponsible file sharing.

Miller worries that the lack of visible action and risk causes a false sense of security.

He stressed a desire to inform students: "We need to get the message out there." Dyer agreed, adding that the problem is not going to go away.

The College has plans to meet with Student Council and to conceive of further measures to educate students on the risks and alternatives to downloading and sharing music that is protected by copyright laws.

PROFESSOR

FROM PAGE 5

"an equal number of victims would require approximately 333 Exxon Valdez oil spills in one year."

Because this issue causes more animal deaths than any other issue in conservation today, Klem has worked extensively to research the problem and find adequate solutions to it.

"I'm not interested in dead birds," said Klem. "I'm interested in saving bird lives."

Architects at Swarthmore College used Klem's expertise when their "green team" decided to build a new science center there that was bird friendly.

In addition, Klem's research has been utilized at Niagara Falls, where the observation tower in New York was redone to be bird friendly.

"Architects have the ability to find creative solutions to this problem," said Klem.

> *"I have always had a passion for birds, especially concerning how they are used as key indicators of environmental health."*
>
> Dr. Daniel Klem,
> Professor of Ornithology

According to Klem, part of the reason many individuals do not notice the slaughter is that the dead birds are quickly eaten and taken away by other animals such as raccoons.

Because of the lack of evidence of death at first glance, Klem said, "We need to be more attentive to the issue."

A new type of glass has been created to help in saving bird lives.

"It has coding visible to birds on the outside," said Klem.

With the future renovations to Shankweiler, it is unclear whether or not the architects will incorporate Klem's research in the building's new design.

Klem's work has been recognized throughout the field of conservation biology and ornithology, but the Martin Art Gallery's featuring the Birds of Armenia artwork has allowed Klem's contributions to be even further recognized by the College.

A dozen of Europe's most respected bird illustrators, such as Robert Gillmor, Jan Wilczur, Chris Rose, Norman Arlott, John Davis and John Cox, were chosen to create the artwork shown in the *Field Guide*.

They made hundreds of gouache and watercolor renderings.

Gouache refers to the method of painting that uses opaque watercolors.

The paintings were then consolidated and printed into 61 color plates that appear in the guide.

The comprehensive guide features four years of research completed by the Birds of Armenia team, and it depicts all of the species of birds currently known to reside in Armenia.

Bird illustrations are an important part of Armenian art, which has a long legacy of portraying richly painted miniature birds on illuminated medieval manuscripts.

> *"I'm not interested in dead birds. I'm interested in saving bird lives."*
>
> Dr. Daniel Klem,
> Professor of Ornithology

Masters of Armenian bird miniatures showed extremely thorough knowledge of birds and even developed bird forms into intricately shaped letters of the Armenian alphabet. This attention to detail can be seen on the cover of the *Field Guide*.

The volumes of medieval manuscripts that depicted birds were powerful in the development of the arts in Armenia through the 16th century.

The multi-disciplinary exhibition at the Gallery, which is the first of its kind at the College, also offers avifauna sketching sessions in a simulated bird blind installed near the Gallery.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Light Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 24	High: 40 Low: 24	High: 44 Low: 31

Council Corner

***Allocations:**

-$2,877 was allocated to the *Muhlenberg Advocate* for new computers and software
-$650 was allocated to the Glass Slipper Project

***Committees:**

-Academics
  -Scrabble Tournament will be held on Nov. 15
-Dinning
  -Coffee cart in library is still being discussed
  -Complaint and compliment section on the food at the College is now on the website
-Athletics
  -Look for Donation boxes to raise money for Lou Gehrig's disease

***Classes:**

-The Senior class made about $10,000 at the Sr. Auction.

-The Junior class will be having Karaoke for a Kause on Nov. 5

-The Sophomore class will be selling "Holiday Hollas" as candy grams.

-The Freshmen class reported that they are planning the freshman formal as well as a sweatshirt fundraiser.

***Announcements:**

-Board of Trustees is looking into the safety issue

--Jeff Kraft
Class of 2005 Student Body Representative

Correction

In the Oct. 28 issue of *The Weekly*, photo credit was given to Rob Kandel for the EMS mock event picture on the front page.

The photo was actually provided by members of MCEMS.

OFF CAMPUS

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESTRICTS ITS APPLICANT POOL

ALLENTOWN, PA – The Allentown Fire Department, which once had specific requirements for those individuals who wanted to become firefighters, has opened its jobs to non-residents for the first time.

As a result, the local Hispanic community fears that the increase in applicants for the limited number of available jobs will worsen the disproportionately low representation of minorities in the Allentown Fire Department.

According to Easton, Bethlehem and Allentown fire chiefs, there are currently very few minorities in their fire departments.

In Allentown, there are six Latinos and one African American firefighter. That is a 4.6 percent representation of minorities in the department in a city where 24.4 percent of the population is Hispanic.

The change in policy is exepcted to result in a greater number of more qualified applicants.

This year the department is advertising in Spanish language publications and radio, and is trying harder to reach out to and recruit more minorities.

TWO TEENAGERS STRUCK BY CARS ON SAME STREET

BETHLEHEM, PA – Last Thursday night, two teenage girls were hit by motorists in an intersection of the Five Points area while the Bethlehem City Council discussed initiatives to curb the traffic there with residents. City planners were debating a $2.5 million to make certain streets one way

At approximately 6:45 p.m., a female driver ran over the left foot of a 14-year-old girl at Broadway and Wyandotte Street and continued driving. The girl may be charged with crossing the street illegally, according to police.

Police are unsure if the driver realized she hit the girl. She was driving a dark Jeep Cherokee.

In addition, a 16-year-old girl walked between stopped cars on Broadway and was hit by a car in the next lane. According to police, the accident happened at 7:02 p.m. The girl was knocked over the car's hood.

She was treated at St. Luke's Hospital, for several bruises and scrapes and was released.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

Young, Gay and Arab
The Story of a Palestinian Living in Israel

EL AL Airlines, the national carrier of Israel, provides domestic partner benefits for its employees.

Israeli universities provide domestic partner benefits for their employees.

The Israeli government supported Fund for Quality Film subsidizes the production of gay theme movies.

Openly Lesbian and Gay politicians have served on both the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv city council and in the Knesset, Israel's parliament.

The Tel Aviv municipal government provides considerable funding for the city's annual LGBT pride event.

Some of Israel's most popular singers are out LGBT artists, among them being transgender superstar Dana International and Lesbian rocker Koreen Alal.

Israel's capital, Jerusalem, will be hosting Worldpride 2005, an international LGBT festival that regularly draws hundreds of thousands of participants.

Israel's leading Gay rights organization, the Agudah, sponsors an officially recognized LGBT youth movement with branches throughout the country.

The Israeli Supreme Court recently ruled that social security benefits must be granted to surviving domestic partners of deceased individuals.

It is expressly illegal according to Israeli law to discriminate against LGBT individuals in the workplace.

Openly gay characters have regularly appeared in Israeli television series.

The Israeli Defence Forces recognize domestic partners of fallen soldiers as war widowers.

A triumphant coming out! Find out why Ali left his home in the Palestinian-controlled territories to seek refuge in Israel.

When: **Thursday, November 18**
Time: **7:30 PM**
Where: **Muhlenberg College Recital Hall**
(Center for the Arts)

Questions? Please contact Muhlenberg College Hillel at 484-664-3270.

This event is open to the public.
Admission is free and seating is first come, first serve.

Sponsored by:

Hillel

Muhlenberg College Office of Multicultural Life

ZOA
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

The AVI CHAI Foundation
Muhlenberg College Hillel

blueStarPR
www.bluestarpr.com

SUSPENSION

FROM PAGE 1

He said the suspension is meant to discontinue all new member initiation activity so that if any type of hazing is occurring, it will be stopped immediately.

Aronin also said that new members of AEPi were scheduled to be initiated this week.

With the suspension, pledging will cease until a staff member arrives. Aronin said the pledges will then be initiated.

Greg Scrofani '05, President of AEPi at the College said, "Our executive office is examining the situation."

According to Aronin, the investigation involves talking to chapter officers and pledges individually.

He said, "Everything is confidential so they don't feel they will be singled out."

Aronin said that in most cases, the investigator will either hear conflicting stories and figure out what is occurring, or someone will directly tell the investigator.

Aronin said, "If the chapter isn't doing anything wrong, then the suspension doesn't hurt them."

If the allegations are proven true through the investigation, however, there are consequences.

Aronin said consequences range "anywhere from education seminars to people being kicked out of the chapter."

He said there is no set procedure in these types of situations; however, members from nationals will meet with the College and the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC) if the allegations prove to be true to decide what action to take.

Randy Helm, President of the College said, "It's unfortunate. It's disappointing, but it may turn out that the allegations are groundless."

He also said, "We will support [the decision of nationals] until the investigation is complete."

Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students said, "I think it's premature to make any judgment until the investigation is completed."

Jachimowicz said, "I'm impressed with Pi's nationals," citing how seriously nationals took this anonymous allegation of hazing.

Jachimowicz said the other fraternities and sororities at the College have no proven violations.

Jachimowicz said he has received eight to ten calls about Greek organizations but said, "I don't know of any active investigations."

Jachimowicz said three out of the four sororities on campus are reviewing their new member education programs to ensure they do not include hazing practices.

CRIME

FROM PAGE 1

The suspect fled the scene south on 22nd Street and then east on Chew Street in an early 1990s red Ford Probe with a Pennsylvania license plate believed to have a partial plate number of FHV302.

The vehicle was very loud because it was equipped with after-market exhaust. The car also had dark colored rims of approximately 19 inches.

The third incident occurred on Nov. 5 at approximately 11:15 p.m. An individual entered a home on Liberty Street and took two laptop computers, cash, an X-Box and some X-Box games. Campus Safety has no description of the suspect at this time.

Michelle Cutler '05 had her laptop computer stolen from her house. She said two people were up studying in the house, and two others were sleeping at the time of the incident.

According to Cutler, the man had gone to another residence first where some boys were playing video games and told them he was at the wrong house and was looking for someone with whom to go to Stooges.

Cutler said, after the man went to her house and took her laptop computer, the boys saw him leave in his car and tried to memorize his license plate number.

Later, Cutler learned that Campus Safety had seen the car earlier that night and marked it as suspicious. She said, "It was kind of scary that they didn't do anything about it."

In all three cases, the front doors to the houses were unlocked. Lupole suggested everyone keep their first floor windows and doors locked as well as keep a porch light on.

> *"I'd rather run to 100 false alarms than not have someone call about an individual and have a crime occur."*
>
> Ken Lupole,
> Director of Campus Safety and Security

Lupole said light serves as a deterrent for criminals. He said if someone tried to get in, Campus Safety officers would be able to see who was at the door if they were driving by.

Lupole said, "These are crimes of opportunity, and if the opportunity presents itself, the individual will take advantage."

Therefore, Lupole said locking doors and windows and leaving lights on is a good way to lessen the opportunity for criminals.

According to Lupole, statistics have shown that "if it takes more than 60 seconds to break into a house, they're going to walk on by and on to the next one."

Lupole said Campus Safety is looking into creating a student-run crime watch group on campus.

He said Campus Safety and Student Council will be meeting to figure out the details. Lupole said the group will be similar to the city's crime watch program, but will be run by students.

Lupole stressed the importance of students calling in suspicious activity.

He said, "I'd rather run to 100 false alarms than not have someone call about an individual and have a crime happen."

No arrests have been made in these incidents, but Cutler said APD has a detective on her case. She said, "I was surprised they put so much attention on it. They're taking it seriously."

Cutler has taken precautions. She got a deadbolt for her bedroom door and said her front door is now always locked. She said, "We're shaken up by it."

Lupole said Campus Safety is also working on some leads. Lupole said, "We want to catch this guy too. We want this to stop."

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 2 – Vandalism – A fire extinguisher cabinet was smashed in East Hall and glass was on the floor.

Nov. 2 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2442 Tilghman St. due to cooking rice.

Nov. 2 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in South Hall due to burnt popcorn.

Nov. 3 – Theft – A student had a bicycle stolen while downtown. The incident was reported to APD.

Nov. 4 – Unlawful Entry – A non-Muhlenberg owned facility on N. 22nd St. was entered. There was no sign of forced entry. The doors were unlocked. Nothing was taken. The suspect is described as a dark complexioned black male, approximately 6'3" tall, 250 pounds and in his late teens or early twenties. He was wearing jeans, a plaid button-down shirt and a white baseball cap worn backwards with possibly a green panel on the hat.

Nov. 4 – Burglary – A non-Muhlenberg owned facility on N. 22nd St. was burglarized. There was no sign of forced entry. One laptop computer was taken. The suspect is the same individual as above.

Nov. 4 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 417 Leh St. due to steam from the shower.

Nov. 4 – Injured Student – A student with a laceration to the index finger was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Nov. 5 – Burglary – A non-Muhlenberg owned facility on Liberty St. was burglarized. Two laptop computers, cash, an X-Box and some X-Box games were taken. No description of the suspect is available.

Nov. 5 – Harassment by Communication – A student said he received a phone call stating that the caller was going to beat him up. Campus Safety is unsure if the caller was a student or non-student and is following up on the incident.

Nov. 5 – Noise Complaint – APD responded to a noise complaint at 2305 Liberty St. The house was given a warning.

Nov. 6 – Noise Complaint – APD responded to a noise complaint at 2305 Liberty St. Since this was their second response to the same location, the house was given two disorderly conduct reports. If three reports accumulate, by law the landlord has to throw residents out.

Nov. 6 – Noise Complaint – There was a noise complaint at 2227 Liberty St. APD will be issuing a disorderly conduct report.

Nov. 7 – Institutional Vandalism – The glass on a fire extinguisher cabinet in Walz Hall was smashed.

Nov. 7 – Theft – Two bicycles were reported stolen from MacGregor Village. The bicycles were found thrown behind the laundry room of MacGregor Village.

Nov. 7 – Institutional Vandalism – Someone threw a trash container down the stairs in Seegers Union, spilling its contents.

Nov. 7 – Injured Student – A student in the Center for the Arts received a puncture wound to the palm of her hand with scissors. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Nov. 7 – Injured Student – A student received an elbow injury during the ice hockey game in Scranton. He was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Nov. 7 – Injured Student – A student was injured in the Life Sports Center and was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Nov. 8 – Theft – A student's room key was stolen, and the locks to the residence were changed.

Nov. 8 – Sick Employee – A Wood employee was feeling very lightheaded and was transported to a local hospital.

Nov. 8 – Injured Student – A student fell out of bed and hit her head in Walz Hall. She was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

WEEKLY life!

"One half the troubles of this life can be traced to saying yes too quickly and not saying no soon enough."

- Josh Billings

Disability Awareness Week opens deaf ears on subject

The Seeing Eye is a group of people dedicated to training seeing eye dogs. If, at the end of their training, the dogs pass a final test, they are given to a visually impaired person. Here, a volunteer trainer and their pooch take a break from training.

PHOTO BY JACQUELINE STARNER

By Jacqueline Starner
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Disabilities Awareness Week, which has been in production for over a year, was reintroduced to the Student Body last week after its absence from campus last year. The Disabilities Awareness Club believed the week should once again be a part of campus life, so they worked with faculty members to create five days worth of events. The events and lectures that were held in honor of Disabilities Week not only brought attention to physical disabilities but to mental disabilities as well.

On Tuesday night, Coach Harold Jones and James "Radio" Kennedy visited Miller Forum and told their now famous story which was made into the motion picture "Radio." Coach Jones did most of the talking, while Radio sat toward the side of the stage and worked the crowd like he does at Friday night football games in his hometown. Coach Jones began his presentation by telling the story of how he first met Radio.

When Radio was between sixteen and eighteen (the Coach couldn't remember his age exactly) he would hang around the JV football practice that Jones coached. At first, Radio was too afraid to come near anyone, but slowly the Coach lured him over to the team with food. Jones said that he quickly learned that Radio loves food, especially cheeseburgers. Although Radio still has difficulty speaking clearly, Jones informed the audience that Radio has come a long way; at first no one could understand anything he said. Radio started regularly attending football practice in 1965 but did not start attending classes at the high school where Jones taught until 1970, when the schools in Anderson, South Carolina became racially integrated. Radio has now been going to school five days a week for 34 years, but if you ask him what grade he's in he'll say he's a junior because he knows that when he becomes a senior he has to graduate.

In 1983, attention was first brought to Radio and Coach Jones' relationship by a local paper. However, it would be thirteen more years before Sports Illustrated published the nine page article on Radio and Coach Jones that inspired the movie. Coach Jones said that he had expected a blurb in Sports Illustrated and was quite surprised by the length and depth of the article published. After both Radio and Coach Jones signed away their life story rights, the idea for the movie bounced through a couple of production companies before Columbia Pictures decided to bring the story to screen.

Coach Jones could only say good things about the process of making the movie. In his opinion, Cuba Gooding Jr. nailed Radio, and Jones was ecstatic that Ed Harris por-

SEE AWARENESS |PAGE 11

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT CLUB SHOULD BE STARTED AT THE COLLEGE?

"No Limit Texas Hold-em."

-Wes Hardy '08

"Tussel and Porn Club."

-Jared Miller '07

"A Picnicking Society. Everyone can sit out and go applepicking."

-Ashley Wallace '07

"Neighborhood Watch Club."

-Harry Kegelman '05

"A Pasta Eating Society, where people gather around, cook and eat Italian food."

-Nicole D'Angelo '08

COMPILED BY JOHN DUNPHY

Holocaust survivor speaks at Prejudice and Youth Conference

Professor Patty Carlis and Holocaust survivor Eva Cutler talk to students and parent after the days events.

PHOTO BY JOHN DUNPHY

By John Dunphy
LIFE! EDITOR

Prejudice is a very real problem in today's world, not only in other nations, but here in America as well. Everyday, there are acts of violence wrought upon people due to a difference in race, religion or any other number of differences. However, with the help of people like Patty Carlis, Part-Time Lecturer, the Schools Program Coordinator and a faculty member of the Department of Theater and Dance and the Institute for Jewish Christian Understanding, prejudice may be a thing of the past.

Tuesday morning, several elementary schools from the area were asked to attend the Youth and Prejudice Conference held at the College. The focus of the conference was to educate the different children on what prejudice is and how things that may have happened during World War II still affect them today.

The conference began with the schools attending a play entitled, *The Library*. Since its conception, the performers in *The Library* have received course credit for acting in the show. The massive amount of dramaturgy and research that is involved in putting on a play about young people in a library pre-WWII is a great ordeal. The play itself is based on actual stories that Holocaust survivors have offered. After the play, the students were split into groups and went on to learn different types of prejudice and how it affects them today.

Along with the play and the different group workshops, students were able to meet Eva Cutler, an actual Holocaust Survivor. Cutler has been speaking about her experiences for several years. Originally, she had doubts about speaking to children under the age of thirteen, but she said that her opinion changed when, after a teacher asked her students why Cutler had come to speak, a young boy about ten years old said, "Because we are the future." That stuck with Cutler, and now she has no qualms about speaking to any group.

The entire day is a great experience for all who participate. For the visiting schools, the students are given a chance to learn a piece of history in a creative way, and the College students in the show are able to teach others what they have learned for the past three months.

Psych thriller beats simple horror

Saw *hacks through competition*

By Rob Plonskier
WEEKLY LIFE! CRITIC

MOVIE REVIEW

I would be a liar if I didn't tell you that there are some preposterous aspects of *Saw*, a grisly psycho-thriller with an annoying name. For one, the acting, especially during scenes of terror, is often downright laughable. Additionally, the narrative nuances are often sketchy at best. We have an all-too-perfect killer that always has another trick up his sleeve, and torture contraptions so elaborate they would put the entire crew of *Fear Factor* to shame.

Yet I didn't say it wasn't entertaining. It starts off promisingly enough, with two strangers waking up in a dark, leaky, rusty-tiled room underground. They are both chained to pipes. Neither of them knows how they got to where they are, but there are clues lying around as to what their purpose is; they soon realize that they have seven hours to cut themselves free, hence the "saw" to which the title refers. They then must find a way to kill their counterpart or else everyone they love will die. Not bad!

What begins as a fancy opening sequence, however, serves as the template for the rest of the film, as this scene is interspersed with a flash back and an explanation of how things got to this point, as well as the killer-in-question's other nefarious schemes.

What does one expect from such a film? Certainly not plausibility. The dismal performances, which can be attributed to either the actors or the exclamation-point-littered dialogue (it's both!), draw away from this moderately scary movie. Despite the acting, *Saw* still somehow manages to never be over-indulgent.

Granted, it does have such clichés as a crazy clown mask and a messy apartment covered with newspaper clippings and scrawled numbers, but the movie never becomes overcharged. Many movies of the same genre often throw in too many possibilities, but *Saw* doesn't try to suffocate you with the fact that there's some twisted, maniacal, insane madman with a deep and distorted voice running around. Or the fact that he must continue to set death-traps for people who show no gratitude toward their position in life.

There's a guilty pleasure element to all of this; *Saw* does a good job of keeping you in your seat for its entire length. When the credits start rolling however, you feel like you've just been suckered into enjoying the cinematic equivalent of a supped-up R.L. Stine novel.

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

After Sunset
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Alfie
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Grudge
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Incredibles
Fri. 7:00, 9:20, 9:50
Sat. 7:00, 9:20, 9:50
Sun. 4:00, 6:20, 7:00

Polar Express
Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

Saw
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Shall We Dance
Fri. 4:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 9:40
Sun. 4:20

Shark Tale
Fri. 7:20
Sat. 1:20, 7:20
Sun. 1:20, 7:20

AWARENESS | FROM PAGE 9

trayed him. When the movie premiered in 2003, Coach Jones and Radio were, of course, both invited to the premier. The Coach and Radio drove the twelve hours up to Muhlenberg and have also driven to New York, New Jersey and Arkansas in order to speak. Coach Jones says that the main reason he speaks is to teach people not to underestimate people with disabilities because although Radio can't read or write, "[he] has taught us more than we taught him."

A player on the wheel chair basketball team waits for his chance to score big.

PHOTO BY EMMA SANDERS

The day after Radio and Coach Jones' visit, The Seeing Eye (a group based in Morristown, NJ that provides blind people with dog guides) gave a demonstration in Seegers Union lobby. The Seeing Eye breeds the dogs that they train. The main three breeds they use are German shepherds, golden retrievers and labrador retrievers; these three breeds are often crossed to create dogs with the characteristics necessary to be guides. The dogs live with volunteer families from the time they are seven weeks old until they are between fourteen to eighteen months old.

Once they reach this age, the dogs return to The Seeing Eye headquarters. A seeing eye dog goes through four months of training, attending forty minute sessions with trainers five days a week, before it is ready to guide. In Seegers on Wednesday a trainer from The Seeing Eye demonstrated the "intelligent obedience" that the dogs are taught.

"Intelligent obedience" means that the dogs are able to disregard commands which would put their owners in danger. The people who receive seeing eye dogs must also go through almost a month of training in order to learn how to work with their dogs. Since its founding in 1929, The Seeing Eye has provided guide dogs to nearly 6,000 blind men and women.

The finale of the week took place on Friday night in Miller Forum when Curtis J. Pride, a current New York Yankee, spoke to students about his experiences as the only deaf baseball player in the history of the Major League.

Though Curtis was born deaf, he does not know sign language and instead communicates through speech. Because Curtis' speech is at times hard to understand, a translator typed Curtis' speech onto two large projection screens that were situated on either side of the stage, and an American sign language translator signed the speech for members of the deaf community in attendance.

The overwhelming message of Curtis' speech was that you should never give-up, no matter what obstacles you face. Pride said that "[a]ny kind of disability should not be a barrier to achieving whatever goals a person wants to accomplish." Curtis' parents did not underestimate him because he was deaf and maintained the same expectations for him as they would for a non-disabled child. He excelled in athletics and academics and was offered over 200 scholarships from schools such as the University of Pennsylvania and Georgetown to play college basketball. Curtis was recruited for basketball, however his real dream was to play professional baseball.

Curtis' parents convinced him to attend the College of William and Mary and play baseball in the Minor League during the summer. In 1992, after eight years in the Minor League, Curtis almost gave up on his dream, but with his family's encouragement and his own belief in his abilities, Curtis continued to play and was drafted by the Montreal Expos the following year.

Although Curtis' deafness is considered a disability by many, he himself has never seen it as handicap. In fact, he says that he actually has an advantage over hearing players because he doesn't have to worry about getting booed. This also means that Curtis cannot hear the cheers of the crowd, but he says that when the crowd is cheering loudly he can feel the vibrations.

Pride's visit, which was well attended, perfectly rounded out Muhlenberg's second Disabilities Awareness Week. Through his and the other presentations during the week, students were exposed to the experiences of disabled peoples and gained an understanding of the obstacles that the mentally and physically disabled face everyday.

Crutchmaster has leg up on dance performance

"Disabled" dancer does acrobats despite all odds

By Emma Sanders
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Before Disabilities Awareness Week began, signs advertising the "Crutchmaster" appeared in residence halls all over campus. "You will not want to miss his unique performance as he 'dances' using his crutches," the sign read. It turns out that the Crutchmaster's performance was about more than just dancing with crutches. Bill Shannon, the Crutchmaster, presented on Nov. 1 with a humorous narrative about his life, dance pieces with crutches and footage of his street performances. Shannon began by explaining why he uses crutches.

Shannon was born with a deformed femur bone, which eventually lead to the degeneration of his hip joints and now makes it difficult for him to walk for long periods of time. Despite this challenge, Shannon employs a variety of methods to cope with his impediment, including the use of crutches, with which he has incredible mobility and ease, as well as creative uses of skateboards.

Shannon almost resembles a cross-country skier on his board as he glides along, using his two crutches to push off and keep him moving. Sometimes, in the city, Shannon even grabs on to the back of a cab on his skateboard as a quick way to get around.

Shannon not only dances, but performs his art form in public cities employing a variety of different methods. Shannon classifies his performances in two categories: theater performances, like the one at Muhlenberg, and public performances. At the former, Shannon not only performs, but also shows taped footage of street performances and slowly analyzes and explains it to the audience. At the latter, Shannon's "audience" is the public, and they often do not know that he is putting on an act. His public street performances include crutch dancing, acrobatics, making it appear as if he needs assistance and performing everyday actions that are harder on crutches.

Shannon has names for the different displays of performance art he does publicly. First, there's "help as an obstacle," which he defines as someone's attempt to help him when he doesn't need it. Once, Shannon tells the audience, he finished performing an impressive array of acrobatic tricks on his crutches when one man watching noticed Shannon's hat was on the ground, and asked if he needed assistance picking it up. This question surprised Shannon. He wondered if

SEE **CRUTCH** | PAGE 12

Spring Break from
$489
Bahamas, Cancun,
Acapulco, Jamaica!
Free Parties, Free Drinks.
Sign up early and save.
Organize a small group
and you travel free.
Or sell more and get
paid commission.
Call 1-800-438-7861

StudentCity.com
Spring Break
17 HOT DESTINATIONS!
Book Early & Receive:
Free Meals
Free Drinks
Free T-Shirt
Official Partner Of Maxim Break
CAMPUS REPS WANTED
1.888.Spring Break
www.studentcity.com

BUSINESS INTERNSHIP
OPPORTUNITY!!!
Student development company
COLLEGE PRO is seeking individuals with leadership abilities to
run their own franchise!
Contact for more info:
Jeremy Morgan at (610) 524-5421
jmorgan@collegepro.com

Correction

-In the Nov. 4, 2004 issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, several pictures were used that did not correspond with the articles to which they were assigned. The picture for the article, "*Pippin* achieves 'Glory' in 'No Time at All,'" was actually a photo taken at the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity's Dodgeball Tournament and the picture for the article "Family Weekend provides families with a campus life experience" was a picture from the previous week's "Question of the Week." *The Muhlenberg Weekly* apologizes for any confusion regarding the pictures and ensures that this will mistake will not be repeated.

horoscopes

By Psychic McMindreader

Aries

Something strange is about to happen to you. I'm not sure exactly what, of that the stars are not very clear, but I see fire. Yes, fire! It's consuming you, eating you alive, as you twist in agony and despair! There is no escape in sight and nowhere to hide! The flames are circling closer and closer, until finally, it's all over. The moral of this story is, "Don't smoke pot."

Taurus

News flash, your life is quickly becoming more and more like a Ford Taurus: a boring, though economically feasible automobile! My advice is to pimp your ride. There's nothing cooler than driving across campus in a Snoop Dogg inspired, mad-fly-dope foshizzle ride that will mack you wif' da' fly hunnies. I seriously could not be more white if I tried.

Gemini

You are the gem of my eye. No, seriously, I love you; you are like the best person I've ever met! There is no one like you, and you're unique nature is just so appealing that it attracts every member of the opposite sex like a horse to a salt lick. If I could change anything about you, I would say nothing. Well, nothing except that extra nostril on the side of your face. That's just weird.

Cancer

Oddly enough, you really enjoyed the Richard Gere's new movie, *Shall We Dance*. There's nothing wrong with enjoying a motion picture starring a silver screen veteran such as Gere, but something tells me it's not going to win you any friends to waltz around the Garden Room, accompanied only by one of the dining staff members. No siree, that's just gonna get you ostracized.

Leo

Sometimes, you just don't listen. While this may not be a serious problem now, if you do nothing about it now, it can cause major problems for you. When your significant other is talking, it's best to listen and not immediately cut them off with a long, steamy make-out session. Your partner will think you care, even if you really don't.

Virgo

Poetry is the way into any girl's heart, and you are quickly becoming a hit with the ladies. Your many variations on "Roses are red/Violets are blue" have made the ladies swoon, and the benefits are piling up. Just keep in mind that this won't fly in your poetry and fiction writing class, where it takes just a bit more effort to impress the professor.

Libra

The scales of fate have finally tipped in your favor, and everything is coming up daisies in that normally abysmal black hole you call your life. That cute girl from bio class is just itching for a date with you, your grades are great, and they just had Oreo cake in Garden Room the other night. Unfortunately, in the mad dash to get some, you slipped on waffle goo. Better call EMS!

Scorpio

Today is your birthday, and I only have one thing to say to you: you're cool, funny, intelligent and everyone is instantly attracted to your personality. There is never a problem that you can't handle, and although it may seem like you don't have a perfect life, nothing could be farther from the truth. Afterall, if your beau is an odd nerd who loves Star Wars, that's your fault.

Sagittarius

There are plenty of people in your social circle that would be more then willing to help you out with any of life's little dilemmas. However, there are limits to what you can be assisted with, and it becomes a problem only you can solve. One of these subjects is your need to rule the world using mainly gerbils. And don't worry; you will get to Mexico. One way or another.

Capricorn

Life has treated you badly lately, but believe me, all things are about to change for the better. You felt that no one ever appreciated you, but now your friends will have nothing but good things to say. Your family will remember all the great things they never did for you and admit you were a good kid. But, once you wake up from the coma, everything will go back to normal.

Aquarius

Since the polar ice caps will eventually melt, causing the end of civilization as we know it, there will never be a better time to learn how to swim. The College has a wonderful pool, and how better to avoid eventual drowning in a post-apocalyptic Earth than by slapping on those Water Wings and being laughed at by your peers.

Pisces

Go take your sweetheart on an old-fashioned date this week. Instead of just watching a movie, get up and **Do** something. This town is just filled with things to do! Go bowling, or better yet, hand her a paint brush and bucket of red paint and paint the town red! Then, you already have a second date: a court date for the vandalism charges you accrued.

CRUTCH

FROM PAGE 11

the man had been completely oblivious to the remarkable routine he had just performed. It is this ignorance in the average everyday person that Shannon hopes to alleviate through his art.

Another performance is called "peripheral fluctuation." A video clip showed this in action. On crutches, Shannon struggles to bend down and pick up a water bottle, while a man clearly stares at him from the side (Shannon's periphery). Shannon may indulge in a few activities that make the simple task he is performing slightly more difficult than it actually is to lure in the onlooker. When Shannon turns to face the man, the person who had been gawking at him from a distance quickly looks away. This embarrassment of curiosity is something that many people who are not disabled go through, and there really is no reason. Shannon encounters this phenomenon on a daily basis and has learned to make light of it.

A third is named "mind's eye imagine manifestation." This, Shannon tells the audience, is when he attempts to act in a way that he feels other people must view him, based on their treatment of him. By playing this stereotype of the "stumbling cripple," he forces others to see how their immediate assumptions of him, and of disabled people in general, are flawed. One video clip showed him slowly limping along, even though he has as much mobility with his crutches as a person that is walking does. Sometimes Shannon feels like everyone sees him as the limping cripple, just because of the crutches, but in all actuality, he is quite possibly more mobile and fluid with his crutches than many people are who have full use of their legs.

One video clip presented a simple performance. Shannon walks along a New York City sidewalk with the assistance of his crutches when he comes to the back of a bench and flips over it. Initially, it looks like an accident or some kind of terrible mistake. But once on the other side of the bench, right after flipping, Shannon freezes his legs above his body in midair, and holds the pose. This is meant to demonstrate the fine line between failure and success. It also gives onlookers a different perspective on what they see as "handicapped."

Shannon is quick to point out that his street performances are not meant to educate people about his disability. Rather, Shannon hopes to teach those who view his theater performances to question people in situations similar to his and how to respond to them the next time they observe them. In this manner, he is giving his audiences a different aspect of what it means to be disabled. By introducing the thought that disabled does not mean unnabled, he is changing the world, one person at a time. Essentially, Shannon wants to reduce the number of assumptions made by people, and teach them to think differently about what they see everyday.

LIFE! EDITOR'S PICKS OF THE WEEK

VIDEO GAME	***Pocket Tanks*** As addictive as it is simple, this game has become a favorite of college campuses everywhere. You command a tank in a turn based game, whose soul purpose is to hit the other guy more than he hits you. If you buy the deluxe version, you'll be able to use over 60 weapons and even get multi-player action going. Basic colors, basic plot, basically great.	***The Editor Says:*** You will be amazed with how much time you spend on this game. There is no reason for it. The graphics suck, the weapons are cheap and the game has no bearing on reality. But....I...must...play.
MOVIE	***Whale Rider*** The story of a young Maori girl (Pikea) and her rise to Chieftom. She faces great adversity from the current chief, her grandfather. After going through trial after her trial, it is nothing short of a miracle that proves to the people who she really is. An amazing tale of modernization versus tradition.	***The Editor Says:*** It was soothing and eerie at the same time. You will watch with mouth opened and at the end, just feel a great sense of calm. The dad whines a lot though.
CD	***Encore*** Eminem Eminem's latest album. It's been a whole two years since his last CD, *The Eminem Show*. Now he's back with all new singles and even remixes of his own songs. As much as you may not like it, you can't stop listening.	***The Editor Says:*** Eminem truly is one of the greatest rappers to date. This latest album pushes everything he's done to the edge. The songs are very angry and extremely catchy.
BOOK	***Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*** by Cokie Roberts A different aspect of politics during the Revolutionary War period, *Founding Mothers* takes a look at the women behind the men with the quills.	***The Editor Says:*** Behind every great man is a greater woman, and this book proves just that. If your a historian, feminist or just looking for a good read, this is the book for you.

Gaining strength through family

Mule Profile-- Jose Ramirez

By Robin DeCicco
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

If you have watched men's soccer, the quick feet and unbelievable reaction time of Junior Jose Ramirez have definitely caught your eye; however, what you have not seen is his deep connection to his family during games. Ramirez not only plays soccer; he eats, breathes and sleeps it. His father, who was a semi-pro player for Guatemala, taught him how to play at a very young age, and even now, as a college junior, he remembers everything he learned from his father.

Similarly to his father, Jose was approached to play professional soccer in Brazil when he was only fifteen years old; his parents preferred for him to receive an American education. He remains thankful to his parents for their decision regarding his schooling; Jose recieved many opportunities in soccer while attending school.

Ramirez was a four-year varsity player in high school, but instead of participating in soccer summer camp like most high school athletes, he was offered an opportunity of a lifetime. Since he belonged to a competitive travel team, Ramirez was selected by a national tournament, Superclubs, to represent the United States in England and play against various youth pro-club teams.

At the conclusion of his third season at Muhlenberg, Ramirez has conflicting thoughts about his team's success and his own performance.

"We couldn't find our groove in the beginning of the season. We played the top schools in Division III, which definitely overwhelmed us as a team."

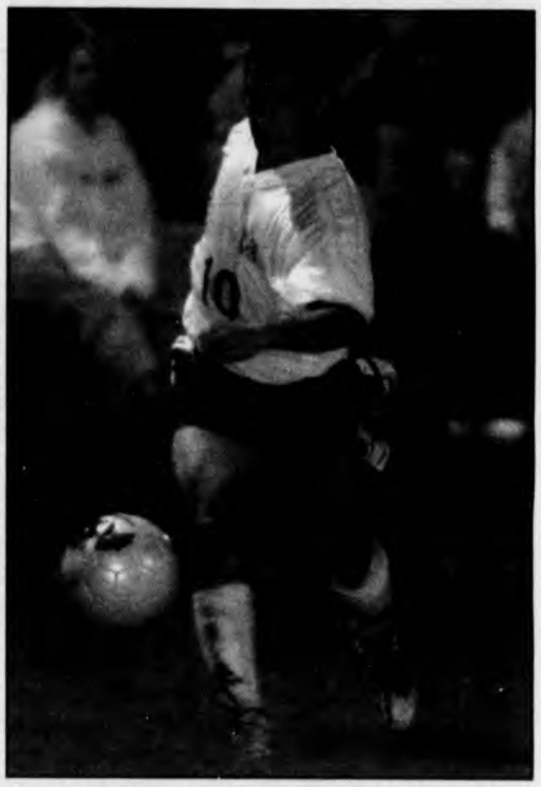
"Although we had trouble during the season, we ended on a positive note by reaching the playoffs before losing to Johns Hopkins University in the Centennial Conference semifinals."

In terms of the team's overall performance this season, Ramirez is merely satisfied with their 9-7-3 record. He has high hopes for next year when there will be many players coming off the bench ready to compete.

Individually, Ramirez's 2004 season was not his best. He scored a total of only three goals, while he scored nine in the last season.

In the way of explanation, Ramirez said quietly, "I know why I did not play nearly as well as I should have, but I have never said this out-loud before--my family has always served as my motivation and focus during my games, and there is no better feeling than to see them cheering in the stands."

"Unfortunately, due to personal problems, my family was unable to attend my games this year, and I truly believe that my level of play suffered from their lack of attendance," said Ramirez.



Junior Jose Ramirez helps the Mules offense by scoring three goals.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

"I know this may sound odd, but my parents are the ones who have supported my soccer career since I was a young boy, and my first words in Spanish were 'soccer ball,' so I felt that they deserve to share every moment with me," Ramirez said. "Sometimes my coaches will ask me why I am not playing well during a game, and I am too shy to tell them that it is because my family is not watching."

When comparing his three goals this season to his nine in the last one, Ramirez notes that his family came to most games last season.

"There is definitely a part of me that strongly believes I performed so well last year because my family was always in the stands cheering me on."

And while Ramirez feels he plays better with his parents watching, he is aware that he needs to play just as well when they are not present. "I need to practice visualizing them in the stands, so that I don't let my team down just because they are not there." Although Ramirez realizes that it is impossible for his parents to attend all of his games, he hopes they will come and support him next season.

With only one more collegiate soccer season, Ramirez awaits graduation, when he could play professionally in South America. And while Ramirez may be playing soccer in countries around the world, he will make sure his family is traveling right behind him.

BOB DYLAN AND HIS BAND

In Show — and — CONCERT!

STABLER ARENA
- LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, BETHLEHEM PA -

NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT!
NOVEMBER 16TH • 8 PM
DON'T YOU DARE MISS IT!

Tickets are available at the Stabler Arena Box Office (215) 336-2000 and all ticketmaster locations

Looking to new players for strength

By Dylan Moulton
Weekly Sports Writer

WRESTLING

Led by Co-Captains Seniors Jeremy Hart and Frank Pepe and Junior Dale Mills, the Mules are ready for another Centennial Conference season. With their first tournament this Saturday at King's College, they have been taking full advantage of their new facility in the Life Sports Center.

Previously, the wrestlers were confined to a small room adjacent to the old Athletic Training room. This year, however, they will be able to spread out in the revamped former weight room, which should decrease the amount of injuries caused by the tight quarters.

Some new additions to the team include freshman Dave Lavine (165 lbs.), Freshman Josh Jacobs (174 lbs.), Freshman Wes Hardy (184 pounds), Freshman Brett Galloway (184 lbs.), Freshman Brian Saval (157 lbs.), Sophomore Joe DeCampo (141 lbs.) and Sophomore John Hess (184 lbs.). Freshmen Chris Swensen and Joe Tartar will begin practicing after the football season ends and will fill the heavyweight slots.

The new wrestlers bring a colloquial of talent and impressive records from their high school careers; they had their first opportunity to show their skills at the wrestle-offs.

As for the wrestle-off, Saval won a hard-fought match to take the starting spot at 157 lbs., and Galloway should see some time as well as Hess at the dual meets. Other weight classes were uncontested.

The freshmen will get their first taste of collegiate wrestling this Saturday at King's College where they will face some very powerful opponents, and the upperclassmen will be able to further train themselves for the upcoming conference dual meets.

The Mules will match up, among other schools, Ursinus College for one, who is coming off of a Centennial Conference win last year and is ranked thirteenth in the nation in the Brute/Adidas Preseason National Poll.

To help with their training, the Mules hired a new assistant coach, Thad Smith, to help Coach Tom Schleicher and assistant coach Bill Holsinger. Smith worked with Schleicher from 1993-1996 at Emmaus High School.

Smith graduated from East Stroudsburg University in 1991 and was a member of the 1988 Arizona State University wrestling team. The strong line-up is optimistic about bolstering the College's dual meet record from 130-99-1 (.567) since 1991.

Mills commented, "I think we're very talented this year, but also young. I still see a complete turn around from last season. It's bad that we don't have a 133 though."

When asked about their chances against last year's CC champions, Ursinus, Mills said, "If we match up right we could do well, but they look tough this year. Looking at the results from last weekend, it looks like we match up well."

With the freshmen talent, along with two returning Centennial Conference champions in Mills and Sophomore Matt Loesch, the Mules look as if they will have a positive season.

Pepe is looking forward to having a strong final collegiate season, "We have a lot of talent and a very exciting style of wrestling, which should lead to a lot of wins and a lot of fun."

Hart said, "Coach is happy. [He said] these are the best practices he's seen. I'm excited to get to the first couple of competitions."

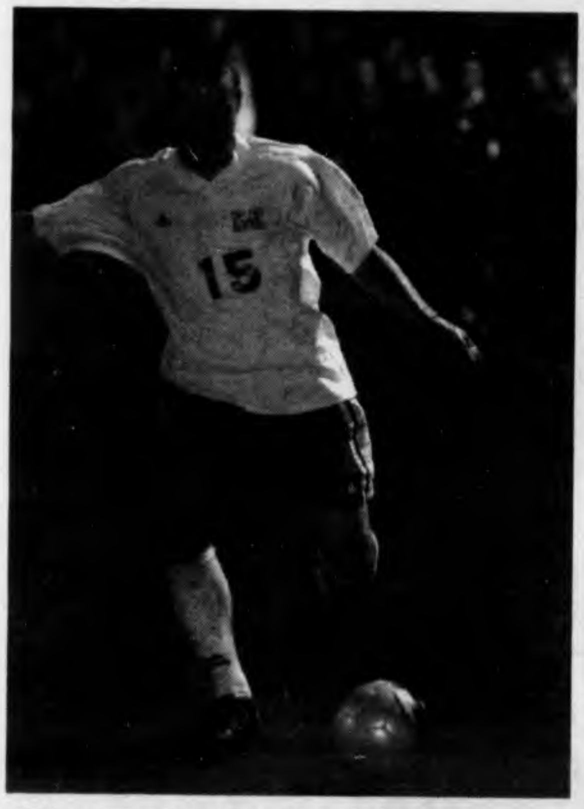
Tough season comes to an end

By Betsy Stoller
Weekly Sports Writer

MEN'S SOCCER

The Mules ended their season in a fierce battle with long time nemesis Johns Hopkins University. After two overtime periods, the game went into a series of penalty kicks. Hopkins, after converting three straight penalty kicks, advanced to the finals of the Centennial Conference playoffs.

The Johns Hopkins Blue Jays played in the championship game against McDaniel College, who defeated Swarthmore College 1-0 in overtime. The Mules finished witha record of 9-7-3 and ended their season with a n amazing seven-game winning streak.



Junior James Henshaw attempts to score.

Photo by Rob Kandel

The Mules had their closest chance at scoring during the overtime on a corner kick late in the game. In the 83rd minute, Junior forward Chris King tried to head in Junior Jose Ramirez's shot, but Hopkins' goalie Gary Kane Jr. reached up and tipped the ball out of the goal.

Johns Hopkins out-shot the Mules eleven to three, but senior goalie Chris Davis made seven saves and recorded his 27th and final career shutout.

The Mules defense, consisting of Juniors Ryan Smallwood, Adam Milberg, John Román and Joe Benner, along with Senior Ryan Melchior and Freshmen standout Johnny Kliewer, also proved their resilience, shutting out Hopkins for 110 minutes.

Kliewer was named to the Centennial Conference Honor Roll for his performance in the games against Haverford and Ursinus Colleges. He had two goals in the Ursinus game as well as an assist in the Haverford College game.

In the second overtime, Hopkins had a near goal, but Davis leaped to catch the hard shot for one of his seven saves. Davis saved the first try of the shootout with a dive to his left, but the Mules lost their advantage by missing a kick wide right on its first attempt. Hopkins made their next three kicks, while both of the Mules' shots were saved.

Freshmen forward Karim Assous said, "As a team this season, we have grown so much. At the beginning of the season, luck was not on our side, but through hard work we were able to go on a seven game winning streak."

Regarding the game, Assous added, "We were the only team to bring Hopkins to a tie, which is a big accomplishment. Of course, losing in penalty kicks is never good, but it gives me and everyone else on the team motivation for next year."

This stalemate put the first mark on Hopkins' record. Hopkins is ranked in second place overall in Division III soccer. The Mules are the only team to take Hopkins into overtime this year. The Mules accomplished this twice, both times in Baltimore.

This was the Mules' third loss to Hopkins in the playoffs at Baltimore. One was in double overtime, and the other two in penalty kicks after 110 minutes of scoreless play.

After a shaky start to their season, complete with seven loses and two ties, the Mules came back to win the last seven of their games and then challenge the Jays.

Even with this record, Assous is already looking forward to having a successful next year; "We will miss Davis and Melchior a lot, but our juniors will be great leaders next year, and we all have clicked very well. We are already looking forward to a winning season next season," said Assous.

DID YOU KNOW?

ON JANUARY 20, 1995, REGGIE MILLER TOOK A LEAGUE RECORD TO BE THE FIRST PLAYER TO SCORE 100, 3 POINTERS IN SIX CONSECUTIVE SEASONS.

WRITE FOR SPORTS

CONTACT:

Allison Auclair	aauclair@muhlenberg.edu
Kristen Ziegler	zieg3527@muhlenberg.edu
Robin DeCicco	deci1827@muhlenberg.edu

’Berg gears up for another record breaking season

By Allison Auclair
SPORTS EDITOR

The Muhlenberg indoor track and field teams are looking forward to having successful seasons, as the men and women are both coming out strong after two great finishes from the 2003-2004 season.

The men finished in the top three in every Centennial Conference meet and had three All-Americans. The women achieved success as well, as they had their best finish in ten years at the Centennial Conference Indoor Championships, coming in fourth (three and a half points from third). The women had their first two two-event champions, their first Centennial Conference Most Outstanding Performer and their second NCAA Championships competitor.

The women are looking forward to the upcoming season, as Sophomore Jacquelyn Inverso will be a powerful returnee for the Mules. Inverso was named Most Outstanding Performer for field events at the CC Indoor Championships after winning the triple and high jumps and coming in second in the long jump.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

An NCAA provisional qualifier in the triple jump, Inverso set the school record both indoor and outdoor, she was the College's first female to win two events at a conference championship meet.

Another top performer for the women who will be returning is Junior Karen Mount, who contributed to six College records. Of these records, two were achieved in the individual competitions. There was also one relay record in both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

The men are looking forward to a strong season, as Senior John Brodowski will be leading the team. He qualified for the NCAA Championships in the decathon in 2003 for the second year in a row and came in fourteenth. Brodowski earned his third career Centennial Conference gold medal when he won the high jump outdoors; he also placed in the top three in three indoor events.

Sophomore Lex Mercado will be a powerful force for the Mules, as last season he finished second in the 800, fourth in the 400 and in the top five on three relay teams indoors. There are several freshmen who hope to put themselves on the charts as well.

"I would like to try out new events and figure out which event I should focus on since I did not have a lot of experience with track in high school. I am looking forward to a new experience and can hopefully prove myself to my teammates," said Freshman Annie DeMuth.

"I have never competed in the events--the 1500 and 3000--but I am going to try out different events and stay in good shape. Overall it is a great way to meet people as well, and I am just happy that I have this opportunity to learn and improve," said Freshman Christy Goff.

The teams are without several key players this year. In the past season, Diana Garretto, Josh Boyer and Randy Holak, all from the class of 2004, were powerful forces for the Mules. However, through the aid of their returning players and the spunk of the newcomers, the Mules are looking forward to a new, exciting and successful season.

FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE 16

with 1:30 left in the game and the Terror's kicker in place, all the Mules could do was pray for a miss. But the kick was good, and the Mules took back posession of the ball with just under two minutes on the board.

Consecutive plays of 27 and twelve yards between Rosetti and Giannini on the ensuing possession brought the Mules into field goal range.

This, however, was followed by a pair of incomplete passes and a sack, which left the Mules on the 52 yard line. From there, they came up short in a field goal attempt and were forced to accept the loss.

Looking at the numbers, it is easy to see which team dominated this ball game. McDaniel entered the game with the top rushing attack, as well as being ranked eighteenth in Division III and averaging 262 yds.

That did not phase the Mules' high ranking defense, as they held the Terror to 105 total offense yards, the lowest allowed yards for the Mules this season. Thcy also allowed McDaniel to complete only three of eighteen attempted passes for 25 yards.

Taking leadership on the defensive team this week was Junior Phil Gasker, with ten tackles, in addition to Senior Dan Walker, who recorded a total of three tackles for loss and an assisted sack.

"We worked really hard, and the loss was hard to take," said Walker. "However, we are looking forward to finishing the season on a positive note and continuing on to playoffs."

Junior Justin Adair broke up three Terror passes, two of which were in the end zone, while Sophomore Dustin Martin earned himself one and a half sacks and Junior Dan McCall earned one.

McDaniel's defense was not so successful, holding the Mules to only 241 total offensive yards, 165 of which were passing. Leading this effort was Senior Nick Rosetti in quarterback, completing thirteen of 32 pass attempts.

Most of these were sent to Sophomore Chris Giannini, who led receiving for both teams with a career high of eight catches for a total of 96 yards.

Also adding to the offense was Freshman Matt Johnson, who rushes for an amazing 58 yards in 22 attempts.

The Mules take the field this week at Moravian College for their final regular season game.

A win for John Hopkins this weekend would then give the Mules their fourth consecutive shared Conference title.

Otherwise, the Mules will take second in the Conference and be ineligible for NCAA playoffs this year.

SOCCER

FROM PAGE 16

past four years.

Co-captain, Rebecca Armstrong provides a summary of the past four years, explaining, "We won conferences freshman year. Sophomore year, we deserved to lose and we lost which made us work harder for it junior year. We came back and won it again. This year we worked hard and we were young. There's nothing I would have changed."

McLaughlin agrees with her co-Captain, stating she would not change anything either. She recapped the past years explaining, "It was a great four years, and I don't regret a minute of it. I met great people that I'll be friends with years from now. I've learned a lot about teamwork and uniting certain personalities."

McLaughlin added that the team's pre-season trip to Europe in 2003 played a part in the success that year. They won the CC Championship with one loss in the conference, and made it to the finals of the NCAA tournament. "When we were in Europe together for those ten days we worked hard, got into shape and were able to combine soccer with a really fun experience," said McLaughlin.

Senior Katie Macomber reflects back on her career stating, "It was amazing to be a part of a winning team to have that experience. I think the underclassmen on the team that haven't experienced it yet don't quite understand what it's like, it's an amazing experience to be on team that everyone in the conference went out to beat."

Senior Stacey Spector said, "It was not necessarily the most successful, and we did not get the furthest, but the things that I have taken away from it have meant a lot. We had great leadership as a senior class and established the fact that no matter what age or grade level you were, on the field we were all the same."

Both Macomber and Spector mention the great work of the underclassmen in their reflection on the year, and when asked what advice they would project to the returning players, both agreed that teamwork and desire are key aspects of success.

Spector's advice is to "stick together as a team. Before you can go on and win championships, you need to remember once you step out on the field you are no longer individuals, but a team playing together for the same goal." This group of seniors will leave Muhlenberg with a winning record and more importantly, a lasting effect on their teammates.

Katie Macomber says it best as she says, "even though our record was not as successful, this season was a success."

Senior Rebecca Armstrong fights for the ball against Ursinus.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Inside: *Men's Soccer holds Hopkins back but loses*
page 19

Inside: *The 'Berg defeats the Garnets in three sets*
page 18

Mules end Centennial Conference season

By Tara DeMarco
Weekly Sports Writer

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Mules ended the season with reasons to be proud including the way certain players excelled. Senior co-Captain Rebecca Armstrong had eight goals and one assist this season, which ranked her as the ninth player in Centennial Conference history with 100 career points. Junior Amy Schmidt was not far beyond Armstrong's seasonal point total, as she tallied seven of her own with five goals and two assists.

The team's five seniors dominated on the field this season, each recording points throughout the year. The co-captains, Rebecca Armstrong and Maureen (Mo) McLaughlin provided very different types of leadership. Armstrong explains their different leadership styles: "Mo provided something to the team that I couldn't. I am very demanding. If you weren't playing hard, I'd flat out tell you, whereas Mo is more subtle. She would encourage the girls and provide humor. We complimented each other very well in that aspect."

Co-captain Maureen McLaughlin, a defender, played back for the Mules. She is rarely positioned on the offensive end of the field, therefore limiting her goal-scoring opportunities. However, with two games left in her College career, McLaughlin sent a ball to Schmidt and recorded an assist for herself.

Senior midfielder Katie Macomber exemplified the word perseverance, playing on a sprained ankle through the last game. Despite her injury, she added two goals and an assist this season. Senior midfielder Kimberly Klicka also added two goals and an assist.

The last senior of the five is goalie Stacey Spector. Spector totaled fifty-three saves on the year and six wins out of starts. Four of those wins were shut-outs and three of those shut-outs were consecutive.

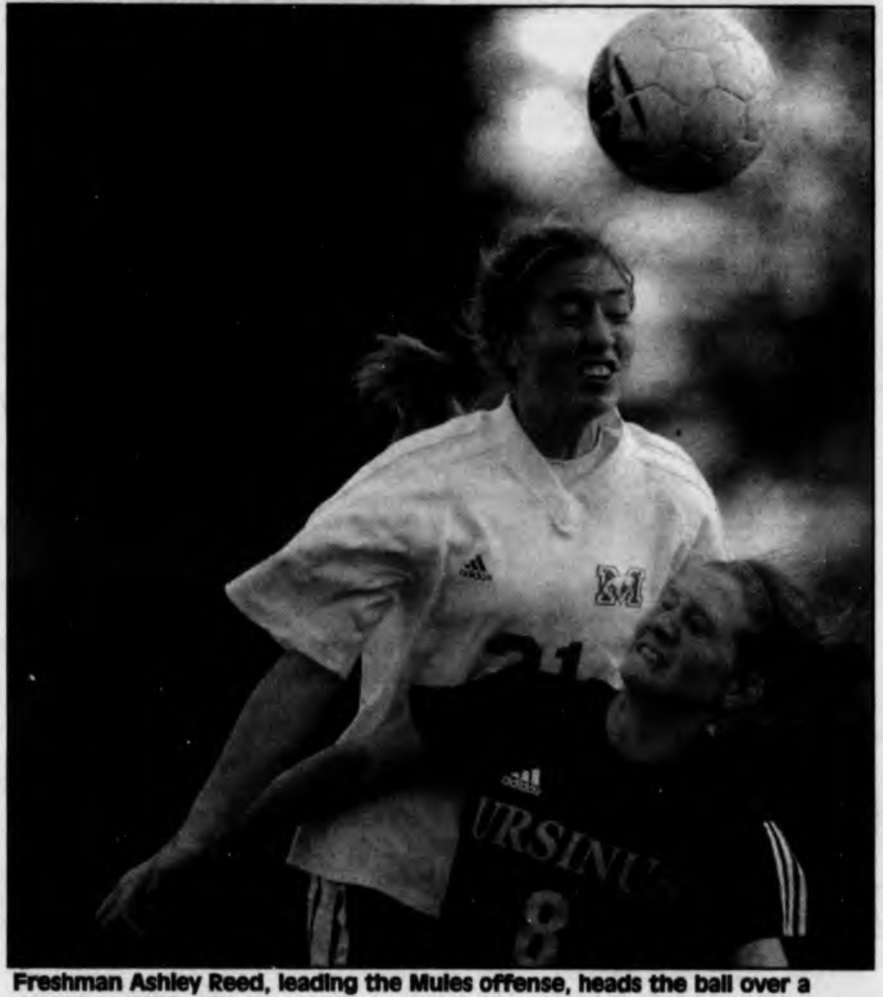
The domination of senior leadership was closely followed as eight other players recorded points this season. Freshman Ashley Reed and Sophomores Andrea Dello Russo and Elana Raboniwitz had four points each. Sophomore Kristen Cioeta had three, and defenders Freshman Maura Hendsey and Junior Kate Amari finished the season with one point a piece.

The Mules' last game this season was against Ursinus. The game was tied at zero until Bear forward, Chelsea Morin netted a difficult shot in the upper right corner of the goal with six minutes left in the game.

Despite a solid run with multiple scoring opportunities in the last few minutes, the Mules could not come up with the win and lost to Ursinus 1-0. Ursinus went on to become a first time conference game winner.

The Mules only had three corner kicks allotted to them, opposed to the Bears' seven; however, the Bears only out-shot the Mules fifteen goals to thirteen, and Spector had five saves on the day. Ursinus went on to lose 2-0 to the 2004 Centennial Conference champions, the Gettysburg Bullets.

A Centennial Conference victory this year would have meant four championships in the past five years; however the senior squad leaves the College taking with them a 58-20-4 record, which equals a .732 winning percentage over the



Freshman Ashley Reed, leading the Mules offense, heads the ball over a Ursinus defender.

Photo by Rob Kandel

SEE **SOCCER** | PAGE 15

Green Terror scrapes by 'Berg

Senior Nick Rossetti could not lead the offense past rival McDaniel.

Photo by Rob Kandel

By Allison Marman
Weekly Sports Writer

FOOTBALL

The Mules (7-2, 4-2) faught hard against McDaniel's Green Terror (6-2, 4-1) but finsihed the day with a 7-6 loss.

The win would have guaranteed the Mules of their first outright Centennial Conference Championship and a bid to the NCAA playoffs.

However, if the Green Terror falls to the Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays this weekend, the Mules can still celebrate.

The Mules dominated the turf from the first minute of the game, but it took a 21 yard field goal by freshman kicker Jordan Grube to get some points on the board late in the first half. The Mules held onto thier lead through the majority of the game.

With slightly less than nine minutes to play, a short punt by the Green Terror gave the Mules the ball at the Green Terror's 28 yard line. The offense fell short of a first down, and the Mules were forced to bring back Grube to nail a 47 yard field goal with 4:08 to play.

A long punt sent the ball to the Terror's 24 yard line and into the hands of their star Chris Martin. The Mules defense worked toward him, but Martin was able to find a hole on the sideline and quickly made his way to his one endzone.

With the score tied at six

SEE **FOOTBALL** | PAGE 15

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Classical Civilization Studies program will no longer be offered after this academic year.
page 6

Inside

O.A.R. played new releases and old favorites as it rocked the roof off the Life Sports Center.
page 9

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 9 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2004

Burglar caught in car

By Michelle Quirk
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Campus Safety and the Allentown Police Department arrested a man on Friday night who may be related to the recent burglaries and robberies near campus.

A Campus Safety officer observed a suspicious vehicle parked on the 400 block of North 22nd Street.

The car's engine was not running, and there were no lights on inside or outside the car.

In addition, the passenger side door was open, but the inside light was not lit, raising the officer's suspicion.

The officer drove around the block and notified the Allentown Police Department.

Both APD and Campus Safety converged upon the vehicle, which held three individuals.

After producing identification, the officers realized that the male in the rear seat of the car had two outstanding warrants for burglary.

He was taken into custody by APD. The other individuals did not have outstanding warrants and were released.

"The extra patrol of our officers will continue," said Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security.

"We found these individuals through the alertness of our officers," said Lupole.

Campus Safety does not know if the arrested individual had any involvement

SEE **BURGLAR** | PAGE 8

Despite student concern, dress code remains

By Lauren Wiesner
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

New dress code at the Life Sports Center affects students.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

With just shy of a full semester of activity in the new Life Sports Center (LSC), students must still adhere to the dress code restrictions of the cardiovascular and weight room areas despite protest by student leaders. The LSC dress code states that students must wear sleeves and shorts of an appropriate length.

According to Corey Goff, Assistant Athletic Director, "The dress code was discussed throughout the research and planning stages of the new facility and was ultimately adopted by Rudy Ehrenberg [Dean of Students], Sam Beidleman [Athletic Director], Ray Ramella [Athletic Business and Facilities Manager] and myself."

Immediately upon return to campus for the fall semester, students had qualms with the new dress code and approached student leaders about the policy. "There were council members who had an interest and heard other people complain," explained Jeffrey Kraft '05, Class of 2005 Representative.

In response to complaints, Council members brought the issue to a Council meeting.

"We opened up a forum to discuss how to deal with the problem," said Kraft.

After discussion, several Council members decided to meet with Beidleman to talk about why the policy was enacted and what possible revisions may be made. After limited discussion with Beidleman, the Council members including Kraft were directed to Goff to converse about the dress code. After months of not being able to thoroughly discuss the issues with Goff or Beidleman, Council invited them both to last Thursday's Council meeting.

At the meeting, Goff and Beidleman explained to Council why the dress code was enacted. Goff explained in detail at the meeting about the health concerns of students sweating on the equipment in the weight room and the lack of ability of the LSC staff to monitor

SEE **DRESS CODE** | PAGE 7

AEPi suspension lifted by Nationals

After an investigation found no evidence of hazing, AEPi's suspension was lifted.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

By Michelle Sartor
NEWS EDITOR

The College's chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) fraternity had its suspension from both its national organization and the College lifted late Friday afternoon.

According to Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs, the national organization of AEPi sent a final report to the College after conducting an investigation into AEPi's new member initiation behaviors.

Last week, nationals and the College suspended AEPi after Jachimowicz received a phone call from a parent of a new member who was concerned about the length of new member initiation.

During the conversation, the parent described events that could be considered hazing.

Jachimowicz, in turn, contacted AEPi's nationals who suspended the College's chapter pending an investigation.

On Friday at about 4:00 p.m., Jachimowicz received the final report about the investigation.

He said the investigation conducted by a member of the national organization "found no evidence of actual physical hazing."

AEPi's nationals, therefore, lifted the suspension of the College's chapter. The College then lifted its own suspension.

Greg Scrofani '05, president of the College's chapter of AEPi said after national's thorough investigation, "They cleared us of all charges." He also said that all new members have been initiated.

Jachimowicz said AEPi has returned to its prior status before the suspension. He explained that at most, some comments AEPi brothers had made might have led new members to believe the activities described to him in the phone conversation were going to occur.

Jachimowicz said AEPi's nationals are putting sanctions and precautions in place for next year's new member initiation to avoid a similar incident.

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

Student concern disregarded by College policy

WHY IS IT THAT DESPITE CONSTANT COMPLAINTS FROM STUDENTS this semester regarding the dress code in the Life Sports Center, there has been little effort made by the College administration to appease student concern? Since the opening of the Life Sports Center in September, students across campus have remained discontented with the new policy that students must wear sleeves while working out in the weight and cardiovascular areas.

Since the complaints began, the administration has failed in its responsibility to react to student concerns. The only reaction they have taken thus far to attend to student concerns has been a few scattered conversations that resulted in no change and an appearance by Corey Goff, Assistant Athletic Director and Sam Beidleman, Director of Athletics to the Student Council meeting last Thursday to discuss the issue. What came out of this meeting last Thursday was merely their explanation of the possible health risks involved with sweating students not wearing sleeves while working out. There was no talk of another solution to this health concern that does not involve a dress code. Perhaps instead of a dress code, disclaimers could be posted that demanded users disinfect the equipment prior to and after use or face the potential health risks. This would solve liability, and disinfectant is more effective at preventing disease spread than merely a t-shirt that quickly becomes sweat-soaked. Furthermore, if this truly is such an important health risk, why was there never a rule implemented until now? Excuses of poor staffing are negligent.

Whether or not the dress code is justified, the administration has a duty to listen to students and take appropriate measures toward alleviating their concerns. With regard to the dress code in the Life Sports Center, the administration has not met their duty to listen with an open mind and improve their policies. The abandonment of student concern by Student Council is also deplorable. As representatives of the Student Body, Council members have the obligation to follow through even with an obstinant administration.

Letters to the Editor:

Response to SAT letter

To the Editor:

I read with interest the letter from Student Body President Mike Yellin '05, regarding the "fairness" of using SAT scores in college admission. He cited the fact that there is a historic racial bias with the SAT (a "fact" dropped for effect, but not for substance apparently). More importantly, he opines an un-fairness that some people can afford a "pre-test coaching course" and others cannot.

President Yellin himself fails a major test here, in not understanding that "Life itself" is not "Fair." Our wonderful Constitution does not guarantee "Equal Results." It only guarantees "Equal Opportunity."

Mr. Yellin also fails to understand that some people choose to work two and three jobs in order to educate their children. Some are single Moms (and Dads) who are willing to sacrifice in order to give their child a leg-up on the SAT by buying a pre-test course. Some low income students work extra summer jobs in order to take such a course. Some (of us!) even borrow in order to afford such courses.

No, Mr. Yellin, the problem is not that it is unfair that some people can "afford" such courses. The problem is that some people do not understand and appreciate that the greatness of a person is judged not by what they achieve in life, but what efforts they sacrifice in getting there.

--Richard Klein
Parent '07

Time to be thankful

To the Editor:

It was a splendid Saturday. While my wife and I were raking leaves, we listened with delight to the student broadcasters who, in a most enthusiastic and informative fashion, described the events of the latest chapter of the Muhlenberg-Moravian football rivalry.

Actually any day is splendid when the Mules top the Greyhounds. It was an impressive win for a team coming off what must have been a heartbreaking loss. Perhaps the impetus for this commentary stems from the fact that I've officially retired from the Biology Department this past August, and I seem to be in a reflective mood.

It is also exactly fifty years from the time of my first formal affiliation with Muhlenberg as a first-year student is September 1954!

Over these many decades, my wife and I have witnessed many exciting wins and disheartening losses of 'Berg football games with Moravian, especially during the Whispell, Marino and Kirchenheiter eras.

I've enjoyed working with all of my students, but I do have a special fondness for the numerous men and women student-athletes who participated in varsity athletics while engaged in demanding science courses. A goodly number of these individuals have gone on to impressive careers in science and related disciplines.

In my view, both the curricular and extracurricular activities had a strong influence on their continued success and reflects well on what 'Berg professors hope for all of our students. Thanks again to the players and broadcasters who turned a Saturday afternoon of yard work into such an enjoyable and reflective time.

--Carl S. Oplinger
Professor of Biology Emeritus

Robbin' Wood/ Sinesco

To the Editor:

In the four years that I have attended Muhlenberg College, I have witnessed many changes, including the building of a new Life Sports Center and the transition between three different presidents. Yet, amongst the many transitions we have witnessed, the one issue that has yet to be addressed is the meal plan and food service provided for students.

I have long since thought that the meal plan required of students is particularly unfair as all swipes unused at the end of the year are completely lost, along with any unused flex dollars. For freshmen, who are mandated to accept one of many excessive meal plans, this means hundreds of student dollars wasted away on food left uneaten. In an effort to understand where all this money goes, we personally interviewed members of the Food Committee, and found that the reason Sodexho adds more money to the price of the swipe is to pay for certain maintenance and salaries of the employees. However, this still does not account for all the leftover swipes! We'd personally like to know exactly how much of these extra monies are used to further propagate the money-motivated relationship between Sodexho and the school, and why the school is not supporting and honestly representing the interest of its students.

Consider a senior who eats all their meals at GQ. Under the current meal plan system, students on the gold plus meal plan pay $1,650 a semester. This entitles them to 285 swipes for a semester, which converts into a payment of approximately $5.80 per swipe. But, here's the catch, we're only given $4.10 per swipe when we use it. That means, on each swipe, we lost $1.70. What is even more outrageous is the silver plus plan, which students usually choose for a smaller number of meals and flexibility. With this plan, you get 225 meals per semester and pay $1,587.50, which comes out to a striking $7.10 per swipe that you're paying out! That's $3.00 that you lose on every swipe! And, if you count up all of those occasions when you go over a swipe by 50 cents and need to use a second swipe, you can only imagine all the money you're truly losing! In fact, in purchasing a meal that costs $4.50 on the silver plus plan--thus using two swipes--you're in effect paying $14.20, that's almost a 316 percent increase!

What disturbs me the most is when I see students purchasing a case of water. If this student has a silver plus meal plan, they are paying almost $57.00. I don't know about you, but that seems like a lot of money on a case of water.

And, the "Changes made to flex in the future," per last week's *Weekly* is really just another ploy of the College. Flex dollars limit students to buying over-priced meals and inflated book prices, *and* it's on a "you don't use it, you lose it policy!" Good, hard-earned money just lost.

It seems to me that our meal plan policy needs to change.

A good friend of mine recently transferred to George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and on my visit to him, we went out to dinner, and he was able to use his meal plan at this local restaurant we went to. This intrigued me. He explained to me that under his meal plan, he had a certain amount of

SEE **LETTERS** | PAGE 3

Condoms don't belong on fruit

Max Lux
Asst. OP/ED Editor

Since it is about the farthest from Spring it can possibly be, now seemed as good a time as any to bring up the topic of love, sex, contraception and America's War on Intercourse, in hopes of heating up this normally frigid season.

Now, as college students, we can barely exit our dorm rooms for over five seconds without being bombarded by a constant display of raging hormones in action, whether it be the allure of a female passerby, a scantily clad woman on a poster or the smell of perfume wafting down a dark hallway on a Saturday night.

Between schoolwork and sleep, most of a student's day is occupied by thoughts of sex, and contrary to many religious and political groups, this is perfectly natural and normal.

Of course, when we are exposed to ideas of sex in the media, not just on prime time television, but in debates, magazine articles and every other form of mass media, we are overwhelmingly informed that sex is dirty, scandalous and all kinds of kinky. What a misconception.

Media influence aside, most of American teens have their first sexual experiences in high school and college, as attested by the late-night bed-shakings of couples in the room next to you. So, it remains an absolute anomaly that one in four teens contracts a sexually transmitted disease. I mean, if they know what they're doing, then surely they know how to 'do it' safely, right? Statistics show otherwise.

Our wonderful president is just the reflection of his main supporters: conservative Republicans who are extremely religious in nature. So it might not be entirely accurate to blame him for a $290,000 grant to teach abstinence-only education in public high schools. Or maybe it is. The focus here is solving the problem, not finding who's to blame.

There are ads everywhere that preach about the dangers of tobacco and alcohol, and what to do if your best friend offers you marijuana. There are even advertisements about what to do if someone you love is a compulsive gambler. Rarely, however, will you find something in the mainstream media that tells kids to wear a condom or informs them on the dangers of unprotected sex.

Apparently, that wonderful, recreational and/or life-giving consensual act is 'wrong' and 'dirty' by many people's standards, so if little Johnny asks about intercourse, our society is more likely to hand him a Bible than a condom.

To those who consider handing out biblical texts over contraceptives, in the end, most if not all of the time, raging teenage hormones are going to beat the New Testament any day of the week. Sorry.

Oh sure, there is plenty of popular literature to describe the art of fornication, but you'll be hard pressed to find anything at all relating exclusively to teenage sexuality.

Other societies have little to no problem in regards to sex, sexual nature or sexual desires, yet today, in America, putting a condom on a banana for a health class demonstration on safe sex is just a little less common than seeing an albino Buffalo roaming in New York City.

I'm overstating the point, but still, the bottom line is that sex is cool; just be careful. Sex is fun, but use contraception. Wanting to have sex is normal, but it's the knowing how that's vital.

LETTERS | FROM PAGE 2

money, and it was all strictly declining. These "GW Colonel Dollars" allow students to purchase not only food, but also goods and services both on and off campus. This is what I would like to see in the future at the College.

I would like to come back in the future, and see students be able to use their meal plan/flex based money at the book store, GQ, as well as at Friday's and CVS. With the contract coming to a close between the College and Sodexho, this is the time that the students need to voice their opposition of the meal plan and let their voices be heard.

--Jeff Kraft '05
Class Representative

2005 –2006
Presidential Assistant
Positions announced!

Two Positions
Available starting
January 2005!

Alumni Relations
Associate

Help Desk Associate
in OIT

What is a Presidential Assistant?

A part-time, entry-level professional employee on campus. Openings for 2005-2006 (starting Summer or Fall 2005, depending on the position) may include: ***Public Relations Assistant, Media Services Coordinator, Assistant to the Director of Academic Support, Student Activities, Religious Life, and Marketing Development Associate in Theatre.***

What else should you know?

Jobs are approximately 20 hours per week. In exchange students receive free tuition equal to half-time course load and a monthly stipend. *Presidential Assistants must live OFF-CAMPUS.* Most seniors may not be eligible (because you are graduating), but tell a friend.

Stop by the Office of Career Development and Placement for an information packet, or look online at
http://www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/humanres/
Information sessions will be held in early spring semester

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Managing Editor
Ben Veghte, Asst. Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
OPEN, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
Julie Strasser, Focus Editor
Rob Kandel, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Business Manager
Michelle Quirk, Asst. News Editor
Kate Arney-Cimino, Amy Cookson, Max Lux, Asst. OP/ED Editors
Jackie Starner, Asst. Life! Editor
Robin DeCicco, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Johnny Canneto, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Sveta Shah, Chrissy Culotta, Copy Editors
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m. Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2004. All rights reserved.

Weekly Discourse: The Peterson Trial

Voyeurism run rampant or restored sense of justice?

Kate Arney-Cimino
Asst. OP/ED Editor

When the eight month pregnant Laci Peterson went missing, the entire country tuned into the drama. First everyone wanted to know, "where did she go?" Soon after the finding of her self-aborted fetus, this question evolved into, "who murdered Laci Peterson?" We watched montages of pictures of Laci on the news of her as a child and then her with boyfriend, and eventually husband, Scott. There was even an E! True Hollywood Story about Laci.

Enter Amber Frey, 28 year old blond and sexy mistress of Scott Peterson. The more characters involved, the better. The country was invading Iraq, and the Peterson case was invading our homes.

> *It seems that in the past decade our voyeuristic tendencies are getting out of control.*

What is our country's obsession with this horrific news about other people's lives? Is it because in some obscure way we all relate to the fantasy of it? The love triangle of three young beautiful people seems like it could be found anywhere, even at Muhlenberg. If it did, would we leech onto it and buy extended cable just to witness the falling out on Court TV?

It seems that in the past decade our voyeuristic tendencies are getting out of control. Sure it's human nature to be interested in what people around you are doing, but I think we are overdosing on voyeurism.

What started this? I think it began somewhere back around the O.J. Simpson case. This was very similar to the Peterson case: beautiful couple, three attractive individuals, woman found dead.

Then, although this case did not involve murder, we indulged in the drama of Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan, who have both achieved E! True Hollywood Story status as well.

Recently, Martha Stewart's financial escapades have made headlines, but she's old and not as pretty, and stock scandal is not as sexy as murder or assault, so there was not as much coverage about Martha. Finally, Saturday brought us the conviction of Scott Peterson.

Alfred Hitchcock's *Rear Window* was merely a docile glimpse of the reality fever of Celebrity Justice; other reality fascination has us all brainwashed into thinking that the best adjectives for any TV series must include "big" and "fat."

It seems all the reality shows on TV belittle the actual *purpose* of TV. Forget *Days of our Lives* when we can actually watch the days of others' lives. We have lost interest in television as a form of escape from reality, or maybe we just find other people's reality our escape.

There is only so much we can know about someone else before voyeurism becomes dull. The mystery will be gone, and I fear the day that will happen. We might then have to attend the mystery and the unknown in our own lives. If we are constantly watching everybody else, who is watching us?

Yes, it's great news that Scott Peterson is guilty, but at the same time, it's *very* alarming that this couldn't be drawn out for a few more months so we could all tune in the day that their would-have-been named son Connor turned two. How exciting! We will never know the end of the torrid love affair between Amber and Scott and if that affair would end in the lake with the cement mix or in the library with the candlestick.

Now that Scott is in prison, the reporters have gone home, and our TVs are finally turned off. Do we all have that satisfying feeling of finishing a book where we can put it aside and now pick up the next? What if there is nothing else?

Don't worry, Britney's new husband will probably cheat on her and a new reality series will be in the making by breakfast. We will not go bored from lack of entertainment.

Laura Cabrera
Weekly Guest Columnist

After nearly two years, countless hours of media coverage and several bottles of hair dye, the murder case of Laci Peterson is almost closed. Scott Peterson was convicted on Friday afternoon of murdering Laci and their unborn son Conner in the first and second degrees, respectively.

Frankly, with this conviction comes the restoration of my belief in the justice system. From the get-go, I believed Scott Peterson played some part in his wife's disappearance, and as the facts presented themselves via the trial, my gut told me that he was guilty. However, my instinct--and most of America's, for that matter--seemed to count for nothing, as the prosecution did not have any "smoking gun" type of evidence that would prove Peterson guilty of actually murdering his wife.

> *Frankly, with [Scott's] conviction comes the restoration of my belief in the justice system.*

The prosecution had no problems whatsoever in proving that Peterson was a liar and an adulterer. However, not all sleazeballs are murderers, and this is why I was sure that Scott Peterson would walk out of the courtroom on Friday a free man.

The fact that high-profile lawyer Mark Geragos, whose clients include Michael Jackson, Winona Ryder and Roger Clinton, was leading Peterson's defense team also fostered doubt in my mind that Peterson would be convicted.

To this day I still cannot understand Geragos' reasoning in taking on this case. Scott Peterson sells fertilizer for a living, both in the literal and figurative sense, and is unable to provide Geragos with the fees that past clients have paid. Geragos is already established as a very successful, capable attorney and would not need this case to build up his reputation.

However, Geragos' illustrious record of past legal victories could not help him get Peterson off scott-free (pun intended), as the jury made its decision to convict Peterson based on his shady alibis and character in general. The whole concept of taking a solo fishing trip on Christmas Eve with an eight-month pregnant wife sitting at home is beyond me; the bodies of Laci and Conner were found only three miles away from where Scott was "fishing."

Peterson in general seemed unfazed in the early days of Laci's disappearance. Within weeks, he traded in her SUV for a new pickup truck and contacted real estate agents about selling their home. He continued his relationship with girlfriend Amber Frey as if he was not a suspect in his wife's murder case.

These examples portray Scott in a rather unremorseful, unconcerned light and show him to be totally disrespectful to his wife's memory. His behavior is unexplainable and does not reflect the actions of a newly widowed man.

When Modesto police went to arrest him after the bodies were found, Scott was near the Mexican border with $10,000 in cash and his brother's identification. His appearance was altered thanks to a box of "Just For Men Blonde" and an obvious boycott of his Mach 3 razor.

Indeed there was no "smoking gun" in the trial, and perhaps the most significant piece of evidence that the prosecution brought forth was the taped phone conversations with Amber Frey instead of something more compelling such as a murder weapon.

However, criminal cases in this country are decided based on the defendant being guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt." So, by his own doing, Scott Peterson is looking at either the death penalty or a life sentence in jail.

The jury made the right decision on this one, because Scott Peterson is in fact guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Did you watch the Peterson trial?
Do you think Peterson is some relation
to Peter Rabbit?
Do you know who Peter Rabbit is?

Write for Op/Ed!
Contact Kate Arney-Cimino x5563
kateameycimino@hotmail.com

Business Internship Opportunity

Student development company *COLLEGE PRO* is seeking individuals with *leadership* abilities to run their own franchise!

Contact Jeremy Morgan (610) 524-5421
jmorgan@collegepro.com

Multicultural sorority recognized by Allentown

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

The multicultural sorority Theta Nu Xi was formally recognized in the city of Allentown this fall. The Rho Chapter, as it is called, includes five of the College's students as members.

According to Nadira Mathlin, Director of Communications of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. at North Carolina State University, the National Board of Theta Nu Xi recognized the Rho Colony "in an attempt to gain a broader spectrum of potential aspirants and to help the colony be able to do recruitment on a number of campuses, as necessary."

> *"We are thrilled at the opportunity to recruit on this campus and are looking forward to a continued positive working relationship with Muhlenberg and their Greek Life."*
>
> Nadira Mathlin,
> Director of Communications of TNX

Mathlin said National Vice President of Theta Nu Xi, Mandy Donovan received a letter from the College's Greek Life Office giving the sorority permission to recruit new members.

Mathlin said, "We are thrilled at the opportunity to recruit on this campus and are looking forward to a continued positive working relationship with Muhlenberg and their Greek Life."

The Rho Colony of Theta Nu Xi was officially recognized by the national organization on April 27, 2003 after the five founding female students submitted a Declaration of Interest packet along with other requirements set forth by Theta Nu Xi's National Board of Directors.

The students involved in the Rho Chapter of Theta Nu Xi are Kristin Boydston '05, Ashley Kramer '05, Christina Liciaga '05, Kristen Lundy '05 and Julie Villegas '05.

The Rho Chapter plans to begin recruiting next week with meetings for women who wish to know more about Theta Nu Xi and how to become actively involved.

Liciaga said, "Although admission into Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. is only available for women who are not currently associated with another sorority, we are also encouraging women of Muhlenberg's sororities to come to the Interest Meetings in order to get a clear idea of who we are, what we stand for and how we intend to be a presence on campus and within the city of Allentown."

Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs said he is aware of the existence of the Allentown city chapter of Theta Nu Xi.

He said the national organization of the sorority has been in contact with him about the Rho Chapter and its status both at the College and in Allentown.

Theta Nu Xi is not recognized by the College, however, and therefore is not allowed to participate in the rush process or Greek events with the other sororities that the College recognizes.

Theta Nu Xi is now recognized by Allentown, but not the College.

Photo courtesy of Christina Liciaga

Jachimowicz explained that the College does not recognize Theta Nu Xi because it is not part of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference (NPC). "The sorority would have to fall under NPC guidelines to be recognized by the College," he said.

Jachimowicz said Theta Nu Xi is like any other external organization and can therefore hold meetings as long as they are in compliance with the rules of the College. He gave the example of Kaplan coming to the College to promote their test preparation classes.

Jachimowicz said that there are other Greek organizations on campus that are recognized by their national organizations but not by the College

These groups include the Delta Sigma Theta sorority and the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

According to Theta Nu Xi's official website, the sorority's mission is "to promote leadership, multiculturalism and self-improvement through academic excellence, involvement in and service to the campus and community, as well as being living examples of sisterhood across different races, cultures, religions, backgrounds and lifestyles."

Campus Crime Watch to serve and protect community

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

Campus Watch is a community based crime prevention program designed for the faculty, staff and students of the College. The program is an application of the successful community Block Watch program run throughout the country.

The Block Watch principles have been adapted to accommodate the requirements of the College.

"The program is adapted from the one that already exists at Rice University," said Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security.

Campus Watch is a cooperation and communication between the College Community and Campus Police.

It is organized under Student Council and consists of community volunteers who will meet monthly to train and discuss matters related to crime prevention.

"Students brought up the program to the Student Council Safety Committee in the last month and a half in response to the crimes happening on the border of the campus," said Lupole.

Andrew Kalish '06 and Mike Yellin '05 were co-founders of Campus Watch.

According to Kalish, the two brainstormed ideas and talked about organizing the group to the Board of Trustees and Campus Safety, both of which were enthusiastic about it.

Lupole said Campus Watch has two major objectives. The first is to prevent criminal activity and to reduce its frequency. The second is to increase the protection for the individual members, their colleagues and property.

Anyone wishing to participate in the program will have the opportunity. "We will need 14 to 16 Block Captains, and each block will have Building Captains and Floor Captains," said Lupole. "In all, between 120 and 150 people are needed to make the program successful."

Members will be required to attend a one-hour intensive training session on crime prevention theory and practical application.

Volunteers will receive a manual that provides additional education on topics not covered in the sessions.

Once trained, the volunteers will be invited to assist the crime prevention officers in conducting a security survey of their office and classroom area.

Monthly meetings will be held for all members. At each of these meetings, either a member of Campus Safety or a guest speaker will present crime prevention information.

Both Captain Schwartz and Sergeant Hank Hamary of the Allentown Police Department (APD) will contribute to the education portion of training sessions.

"Hamary has already taught for a number of community watch groups," said Lupole.

"We need individuals who would like to be active in making the Campus Community a safer place," said Lupole. "The program will involve both on-campus and off-campus students."

In addition to the general watch responsibilities, each Campus Watch member will be a link in the Emergency Phone Network.

When a violent crime is committed, the Campus Police will initiate a call to a Watch Captain. He or she will notify the floor Captains who will then contact Watch Members on the Captain's floor or area.

"Within thirty minutes, all available volunteers will have the facts of what occurred," said Lupole.

Kalish said the Campus Watch system will ensure that information is disseminated quickly and accurately so that the Campus Community will know exactly what happened.

He said this will help stop rumors and negate the need to wait for the yellow slips from Campus Safety. Kalish said this phone chain would also work in a

SEE **CRIME** | PAGE 7

$$$$ EASY MONEY $$$$

I will pay $40 for your phone book.

Call Lee Ramsey toll free
1-866-577-7237

Classical Civilization Studies dropped

Students left without Classics field of study

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

After this academic year, students at the College interested in studying Classics will find it to be much more difficult.

Dr. Michael Clark, Assistant Professor of History, is in charge of Classical Civilization Studies at the College.

Clark will be leaving the College after the Spring 2005 semester and will not be replaced at that time.

Currently, the Classical Civilization Studies program offers a number of courses in several departments including Art, Languages and Philosophy, but primarily within the History Department.

According to the College's course catalog, "Classical Civilization Studies provides the opportunity to integrate several disciplines in the study of the ancient Mediterranean."

According to Dr. John Malsberger, Professor and Head of the History Department, there was a Classics major and minor at the College until the late 1990s when Robert Wind, Professor of Classics, retired.

Wind's position was left open until the College hired Clark three years ago. Clark said, "Since Professor Wind retired, the Classics major was jettisoned."

Clark said some Classics courses were reconfigured under the History Department, and he was hired to lead them.

Once Clark leaves the College, the History Department will not replace him.

Instead, the department has decided to hire a modern European historian.

According to Malsberger, the History Department has been without a modern European history professor for a long period.

Malsberger hopes to have another Classics professor at some point in the future.

He said, however, "We don't have the intention at the end of the year to do anything with Classics."

Malsberger said that last spring the Provost and President of the College made the decision not to have Clark continue.

He said the administration informed the History Department that they could only hire one new professor.

The department as a whole made the decision at the beginning of this academic year to hire a modern European historian.

Dr. Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College, said, "Dr. Clark leaving is not because we were making a decision about the Classics program." She also said, "We're having a staffing change."

According to Clark, about six students had a self-designed major or minor with Classical Civilization Studies courses.

He said a few of those students are looking to transfer to other colleges, and at least two are trying to take as many courses at the College as possible before the academic year ends.

> *"Dr. Clark leaving is not because we were making a decision about the Classics program."*
>
> Dr. Marjorie Hass,
> Provost of the College

Clark said some students are quite close to designing a major through schools in the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC).

For students who want a self-designed Classics major, they can take courses at other LVAIC institutions.

Malsberger also said that it is conceivable that a self-designed major in Classics

SEE **CLASSICS** | PAGE 8

Council Corner

*** Allocations:**
- $15.00 was allocated to EnAct for a trip to an organic farm.

*** Committees:**
- Academics
  - The Scrabble Tournament was held on Nov. 15.
- Dining
  - Friday prior to the Scotty Wood tournament is Scotty Wood night in the Garden Room.
- Athletics
  - Look for donation boxes to raise money for Lou Gehrig's disease all this week.
- Campus Safety
  - The campus watch is beginning in full swing.
- CCA
  - The Rake-a-Thon held last week was a success.

***Classes:**
- The Senior class reported that they are finalizing the senior auction and handing out items.
- The Junior class reported that Karaoke for a Kause went very well, and the Dr. Martens shoe sale will be Dec. 8.
- The Sophomore class reported that they will be selling "Holiday Hollas" as candy grams, sweatshirts and hats.
- The Freshmen class reported that they are planning the freshman formal on Dec. 3.

***Announcements:**
- The Technology Committee is now a standing committee.
- The status of Greek Life on campus is to be discussed.

--Jeffrey Kraft
Class of 2005 Student Body Representative

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers
High: 55 Low: 36	High: 54 Low: 41	High: 60 Low: 41

OFF CAMPUS

ST. LUKEÍS HOSPITAL TO EXPAND BY BUYING HOMES

Allentown, Pa – St. Luke's Hospital has bought five homes near its Allentown campus and has a sales agreement for a sixth in an effort to expand the facility.

The hospital completed a $50 million expansion in December and has not yet released its expansion plans for this project. Last week, city officials did not know what the expansion would entail.

Spokesperson Patty Stinner said emergency room visits, births and admissions are increasing at St. Luke's Hospital.

Stinner said there is no official date for the expansion, but last May a hospital official estimated that it would start at the end of June 2005.

There have been mixed reaction from homeowners who sold their houses to St. Luke's Hospital. Larry Leiby was happy to sell his home and leave before the expansion took place.

Lee Dupue, however, did not want to sell his house, but felt he had to because of the uncertainty surrounding the hospital's expansion. St. Luke's Hospital is buying Dupue's home for $40,000 more than its purchase price.

MAN WITHDRAWS GUILTY PLEA FOR ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

Bethlehem, Pa – Christopher S. Grube, 29, of Bethlehem withdrew a guilty plea in which he admitted to trying to break into a woman's apartment last year. He now wants to go to trial.

At the trial, Grube will face several charges: criminal mischief, loitering and prowling at night, possession of an instrument of crime and disorderly conduct. All of these charges had been dropped after he entered a guilty plea.

The alleged victim testified that Grube went to her home on the night of Nov. 19, 2003, asking to use her telephone. She said she heard a scratching noise and saw someone outside her living room window around 2:00 a.m.

The woman said that she tried to call police, but her home phone line was not working. She used her cell phone to call police, who arrived about five minutes later.

Police later said that Grube had cut the woman's phone line.

Grube's trial is scheduled to begin on Dec. 13.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

DRESS CODE

FROM PAGE 1

students using the cardiovascular equipment that may also use the weight equipment on the second floor. Sweat also degrades the weight equipment. "The dress code was put in place primarily for two reasons, hygiene and appropriateness," said Goff.

At the Student Council meeting, Beidleman also added that, "The construction of the new building...allowed us to be doing something I probably should have been doing a long time ago" in reference to the need for a proper dress code for health reasons.

While health concerns were a crucial consideration, the appearance of the facilities was also a factor in the decision to create the policy. Goff explained, "The [LSC] is on display for families, prospective students and other guests of the College on a daily basis, and we believe the individuals using this facility have an obligation to dress appropriately."

"We have listened to the concerns of our students and tried to effectively explain our position. I will tell you that most of the student concerns that have been brought forward do not justify a change to the policy." Goff further explained an example of what he considers reasoning not significant enough for a policy change: "I had one student tell me that sleeves on a t-shirt prevent him from having the range of motion necessary to perform certain exercises in the weight room."

After the meeting, "Council's response was that we all agreed with him. It's hard not to...[because of the] medical and health reasons," explained Kraft.

Goff emphasized that they "asked all inquiring students, including the Student Council to come up with a fair and acceptable policy" that fulfilled the necessary requirements including that it would "help prevent the spread of infectious disease by covering skin in high risk areas (torso and underarms)," would be specific enough that students do not debate sleeve length and would maintain consistency in policy between the cardiovascular area and weight room because of "the presence of benches and recumbent bikes."

While Student Council dropped the policy reform from its agenda last Thursday, not all students on campus are satisfied with the explanations offered by the Athletic Department. "My main issue of dispute is that individuals should not be mandated to dress a certain way particularly if it's solely a control mechanism, which is the way it was described to me," said Christina Liciaga '05, Student Observer to the Board of Trustees.

Liciaga spoke at length with Beidleman about the dress code before and during the Board of Trustees meeting in October.

"During both occasions, I expressed to him the students' opinion that it was an infringement on our personal rights. On both occasions, the reply I was given was slightly patronizing. His response was 'well, we already infringe on students' rights. For example students need to wear shoes in the Garden Room,'" said Liciaga. "My response to that was that if we didn't have to abide by Food and Drug regulations, students shouldn't be mandated to wear shoes in the Garden Room."

What resulted from Liciaga and Beidleman's conversation was an agreement to organize a student group to discuss with Beidleman what is considered appropriate policy for the LSC. Liciaga then reported to Student Council. The members of Council assured her that they were already working on the project. "I was grossly disturbed and disappointed that they resigned to do nothing about this matter," said Liciaga.

Liciaga has not followed with Council in the resignation of action on the policy. "I do intend to readdress it, not only through student initiatives but also administration and ultimately to the Board of Trustees in January," she said. "This is obviously an issue that truly concerns and insults and upsets the Student Body or else it wouldn't be a topic on the agenda of Student Council since the opening of the LSC."

No members of the administration or faculty have criticized the Athletic Department about the dress code. "I try not to second-guess people in their areas of expertise," said Randy Helm, President of the College. "All my t-shirts have sleeves, so this doesn't seem to affect me."

CRIME

FROM PAGE 5

disaster situation to get information to campus.

Campus Watch is designed to provide a forum for the exchange and coordination of ideas, concepts and strategies to prevent or reduce crime and educate members of the College Community in all matters relating to crime prevention.

In addition, its creators plan to focus attention on issues relating to crime prevention and encourage citizen and community involvement in the reduction of crime and criminal opportunity.

The program is meant to formulate a comprehensive plan for the prevention of crime at the College, encourage the education of all members of the College Community in matters which increase safety and encourage maximum cooperation and communication between all segments of the community.

In addition, the group wants to improve communications between all community members and Campus Police toward the goal of crime prevention.

Kalish is happy at the speed with which the program is being established since the idea originated two months ago.

He said, "We hope to have this all up and running by next semester."

The program will be co-coordinated by students. Ryan Kipp '06 of the Student Council Safety Committee will be one of the co-coordinators.

"Because he was one of the students to bring it up, he will have a piece in the organization of the group," said Lupole.

Lupole said the training manual is currently being finalized by the College and will then be passed to the Allentown Police Department for approval.

SPRING BREAK 2005

STSTRAVEL.COM
Join America's #1 Student Tour Operator
CANCUN
ACAPULCO
JAMAICA
BAHAMAS
FLORIDA
Sell Trips, Earn Cash, Go Free!
Now Hiring On-campus Reps
Call for group discounts
STS STUDENT TRAVEL SERVICES
1-800-648-4849 / www.ststravel.com

Study Language Where it is Spoken....

LVAIC

2005 Summer Language Programs

Study Abroad Next Summer in...

Bonn, Germany
May 23 | July 4
Contact: Dr. Edward McDonald
E:mcdonale@lafayette.edu P:610-330-5264

Rome, Italy
May 28 | July 6
Contact: Dr. George Rosa
E:rosag@lafayette.edu P:610-330-5261

Puebla, Mexico
May 20 | July 1
Contact: Dr. Flor Maria Buitrago
E:buitrago@muhlenberg.edu P:484-664-3514

Seville, Spain
June 1 | July 23
Contact: Dr. Denise Galarza Sepúlveda
E:galarzad@lafayette.edu P:610-330-5257

Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges
130 W. Greenwich Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018
610-625-7888 www.lvaic.org
Cedar Crest College DeSales University Lafayette College Lehigh University Moravian College Muhlenberg College

BURGLAR

FROM PAGE 1

in the recent robberies and burglaries near the College.

The first in a series of robberies and burglaries near the College began more than a month ago.

An armed robbery of two students by several black males occurred in the alleyway behind North 22nd Street.

Shortly afterward, a second armed robbery of two students by one black male took place at the Tremont Apartments.

In addition, a burglary occurred in the 400 block of North 22nd Street with no description of the perpetrator given.

Two burglaries by one black male in a red car occurred in the 300 block of North 22nd Street.

A burglary also took place in the 2200 block of Liberty Street, but again, no description of the perpetrator was available.

"The Campus Community should continue to be observant," said Lupole. "We are not letting our guard down."

"The Campus Community should continue to be observant. We are not letting our guard down."

Ken Lupole,
Director of Campus Safety

Lupole suggested keeping windows and doors locked especially if individuals live on the first floor of a building.

In addition, Lupole said individuals should lock their vehicles and leave valuables in the trunk if they are leaving them behind.

He also suggested walking in groups to destinations.

"Consider using the Campus Safety escort service," Lupole said.

If any member of the Campus Community finds an individual or situation suspicious, Lupole said he or she should call Campus Safety immediately.

WANT TO WRITE FOR
THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY
NEWS SECTION THIS SEMESTER?

CALL MICHELLE AT EXT. 4464
OR LAURA AT EXT. 4865

CLASSICS

FROM PAGE 6

could be done without a faculty member in the History Department.

Randy Helm, President of the College, said, "I wish we had a Classics program here."

Helm is interested in Classics personally, but approved the History Department's decision to hire a modern European history professor.

He said the decision was a judgment call by the History Department to focus on another time period.

According to Helm, although the College will no longer offer the Classical Civilization Studies program, some courses in the program will still be taught.

Malsberger said, "Classics is an important thing for a liberal arts college and should be supported."

He explained, however, that the department had to make a decision between the two different time periods.

In the end, the entire History Department agreed to hire modern European history professor.

According to Clark, a major in Classics would include courses about mostly Greek and Roman civilization studies that concentrate on ancient history and culture.

Clark said Classics majors usually learn Latin, Greek or both. Latin has been continued in the Foreign Language Department, and Clark revived ancient Greek.

According to Clark, most courses in the Classical Civilization Studies program offered at the College have taught translations of classics written by ancient authors.

Hass said programs without many students involved, such as German and Russian, are still important to the College.

She said, "We see a value in maintaining these programs."

According to Hass, the Association of Small Colleges of the South has formed a virtual Classics Department, using technology to offer a Classics major to students.

She said that although she has not discussed such an option at the College, it is interesting to think about what other schools are doing to support smaller programs.

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 9 – Vehicle Violation – An illegally parked vehicle was booted. The total cost for the vehicle was $1,095.

Nov. 10 – Injured Student – A student who received a laceration to the head was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Nov. 10 – Harassment – An anonymous phone call came in to Chris Jachimowicz on Nov. 8 describing activities done by Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) that would have violated the anti-hazing law if found to be true.

Nov. 11 – Institutional Vandalism and Suspicious Persons – Campus Safety officers responded to a smashed window at Benfer Hall. While there, two residents of Benfer Hall said they were followed by three to four black males in a reddish colored car. The individuals asked the students some questions.

Nov. 11 – Suspicious Person – A next door neighbor saw an individual at 2411 Liberty St. come out from behind the bushes. The individual is male, between 5'8" and 6'0" with a thin build and unknown race. He was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and possibly jeans. He fled in a northerly direction.

Nov. 11 – Suspicious Activity – Two black males weighing about 150 pounds were looking into vehicles and trying to open door handles. The reporting party did not want to get involved. Campus Safety officers took the individuals' information and sent them on their way since no evidence of illegal activity was present.

Nov. 11 – Suspicious Person – While a Campus Safety officer was on patrol, he spotted a white Lexus running with the door open and the lights off. He called APD and they confronted the vehicle. They ran a warrants check on the three individuals in the car. Kyle Santiago of N. 4th St. in Allentown was arrested and taken into custody on two warrants for burglary.

Nov. 12 – Disorderly Conduct – A student who was being verbally and physically abusive was referred to the judicial process.

Nov. 13 – Disorderly Conduct – Two students were found running around at night setting off a fire extinguisher in the Tremont Apartments parking lot. After spraying each other with the extinguisher, the students were approached by Campus Safety. Both were referred to the judicial process.

Nov. 13 – Institutional Vandalism – Smashed glass from a fire extinguisher was found on the first floor of East Hall.

Nov. 14 – Theft – A student who stole temporary "No Parking" signs on 23rd St. was referred to the judicial process.

Nov. 14 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A non-student struck a first-year student's vehicle on Ott St. The non-student, Lauryn Best, was arrested for DUI.

Nov. 14 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Daniel Cavallo '08 will be charged with underage possession and consumption of alcohol.

Nov. 14 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol and Injured APD Officer – A highly intoxicated 16-year-old ran from Campus Safety Officers. A chase ensued, and an APD officer injured his hand while apprehending the individual.

Nov. 14 – Possession of False Identification – Michael Gara '07 was arrested after being found with false identification.

Nov. 15 – Injured Student – A student who was hit in the head with a metal box in the Life Sports Center refused transport to the hospital.

Nov. 15 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2243 Liberty St. due to steam from the shower.

Nov. 15 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at the Hillcrest House.

StudentCity.com
Spring Break
17 HOT DESTINATIONS!
Book Early & Receive
Free Meals
Free Drinks
Free T-Shirt
Official Partner Of Maxim Break
CAMPUS REPS WANTED

WEEKLY

life!

"Life sucks and then you die."

- Anon

Of a Rockin' Time

O.A.R. plays at the 'Berg

By Falynn Bleiberg
Weekly Life! Writer

Sunday afternoon, Liberty Street was littered with college kids from both Muhlenberg and surrounding schools, all anxious to hear jam band Of A Revolution (O.A.R.) and their reputable opening acts play at Memorial Hall. The doors opened at 6:00 p.m., and the show began promptly at 7:00 p.m. with opening act, Ari Hest. He played a handful of sweet, acoustic songs, and then left the stage to the second opening act, Ben Lee. The Australian singer-songwriter played an impressively commanding set, and summed up his attitude in one simple lyric, "They don't play me on the radio, and that's the way I like it."

Oar appealed to their good-sized crowd of fans with both old favorites and newer releases. The band encouraged everyone to dance in the aisles with their fresh mix of tunes, while also maintaining that everyone should have a safe, yet fun time.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Lead singer Marc Roberge belts to an appreciative crowd.

Photo by Rob Kandel

At approximately 9:00 p.m., O.A.R. were graciously welcomed by the 2,500 people who had gathered to see them. The five band members, Marc Roberge (vocals, guitar), Chris Culos (drums), Richard On (guitar), Jerry DePizzo (saxophone) and Benj Gershman (Bass), began playing together years ago, both in high school and through college. The band independently fostered an enormous grassroots following through years of touring. "We've spent so many years playing live shows that its bread and butter. It's what we do best, and what showcases us the best," says DePizzo. Their latest studio album, *In Between Now and Then*, was released by Lava/Everfine, yet O.A.R. has maintained their underground popularity.

O.A.R. kicked off the set with familiar, older songs. Roberge explains, "A lot of the stuff comes from when we were 16 and 17 years old [and] leaving high school and going to college for the first time. A lot of songs are about the feelings of home; no matter where you're from, everyone has the same basic idea of that place where you feel comfortable." "Hey Girl" elicited a couple of crowd surfing college co-eds to fling themselves at the stage, only to be shunned by Roberge, who asked the crowd to stay grounded because of safety matters. However, he demanded that everyone be dancing and having a great time. The band also played "Dareh Meyod," "Wonderful Day," and "About Mr. Brown," which they dedicated to a friend who passed away and had always loved the song.

While the stand out performance of the night was a cover of Pearl Jam's "Release," the band threw some new songs into the mix, which were received well by the crowd. "We keep the show fresh every night, we never have the same set list, even if we play the same songs we always try to change them up a little bit,"

SEE **OAR** | PAGE 12

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU WERE PART OF A THANKSGIVING TURKEY, WHAT PART WOULD YOU BE ?

"The part that doesn't get eaten."

-Katie Gottlieb '06

"The drumstick, because of how Homer Simpson would eat it."

-Cameron Smith '07

"The stuffing, because everyone likes the stuffing."

-Sarah Baron '05

"The tryptophan, because it would put everyone to sleep."

-Matt Friedman '07

"The drumstick, so I can be like Cameron Smith."

-Pam Kimmelman '07

Homelessness film hits home

After viewing Homeless to Harvard, Sarah Manning '08, Leslie Jordan '08 and Tamara Jacques '08 try to digest the story of Liz Murray.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNER

By Jackie Starner
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

On a campus where homelessness is fairly removed from students' daily lives, it is helpful to sometimes have reminders of how this problem presents itself in our society. Muhlenberg Activities Council showed the Lifetime movie *Homeless to Harvard* this past Monday evening so that students could acquaint themselves with Liz Murray's story of homelessness before her visit to the campus on Tuesday.

At the beginning of the film, Murray, played by Thora Birch, speaks directly to the audience and begins to tell her story, beginning with a description of her mother. Murray's mother was not only a drug-addict but an alcoholic and schizophrenic as well.

In the first scene of the film, the dysfunction of Murray's family is apparent. Murray's mother begs her daughters to give her the money they are hiding from her so that she can buy drugs. As his wife screams and beats the girls, Murray's father remains blissfully unaware of the situation and continues to watch TV. Although Murray's mother would frequently squander the money the family needed for food and rent on drugs, Murray still loved her mother. She simply realized that her mother "just didn't have anymore to give."

Murray's parents were so wrapped up in their own problems that they did not fulfill Murray's basic needs. She ate out of dumpsters and was "always the smelly kid in school." The other kids at school made of fun of Murray because of her poor hygiene, so she stopped going, but continued to be promoted because she passed all of her tests at the end of the year. However, due to Murray's truancy, the authorities took Murray away from her family and put her in a group home.

After a few of Murray's frightening experiences in the group home are chronicled, the movie transitions to when she was fifteen and goes to live with her biological mother, sister, and grandfather. Although, this sounds like it could be an ideal arrangement, it is quite the opposite, as Murray's grandfather physically and sexually abused Murray's mother when she was younger. Murray runs away from her grandfather's house and becomes homeless for the first time after her grandfather hits her, sayiing, "Your piece of trash father walked out and stuck me with the lot of yous."

Murray runs away with her friend Chris, who wants to escape from her own abusive father. At this point, the only full year of school Murray has attended is the eighth grade.

A change occurs in Murray's life

SEE **HOMELESS** | PAGE 12

Putting together Pound, *Pippin* and sex

An investigation into the "extra" in ordinary

IN THE *NUDE*

By Christina Liciaga
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Two weeks ago, Ezra Pound's *Pisan Cantos*, coupled with a caricatured musical of a man in search of the extraordinary (i.e. *Pippin*), inspired a personal investigation of Taoism as it relates to sex.

Based on my previous understanding of Taoism, I would never have thought to make this correlation, as Taoism was only a cliché quote from my high school graduation: "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Thankfully, understandings and ambitions change: I wear jeans instead of dress pants; red instead of black; drink wine instead of beer; and as far as sex is concerned, my Christian upbringing, which condemned sex as sin, compounded with the media's marketing of sex for Coca-Cola and Corvettes, previously forced me to fit sex into competing brackets of compromise and condemnation.

Now, I think sex is a means of finding the extra-ordinary in the ordinary; it is divine, and potentially the only divine we can ever truly know. Hence, its connection to Taoism.

My most familiar knowledge of Taoism--although not as naïve as my high school graduation speech--is limited to the contents of the Kama Sutra book propped against my nightstand. *Tao*, literally 'the way', outlines sexual wisdom (only one of its 8 pillars) as a tool to "harmonize relationships and increase spiritual realization," at least according to Anne Hooper.

Taoists have created positions like The Dragon Turns, Swallows in Love, The Galloping Horse and The White Tiger. All of which agree that sex, primarily because it is natural, is consistently in motion--whether you're turning, swallowing, galloping or, 'tigering.'

Tigering is a personal favorite. It is rear-entry penetration by one partner whilst the other kneels, forearms and thighs spread apart for stability. This is particularly satisfying for the woman, because it allows for her partner to stroke her clitoris whilst thrusting.

As a note to first-time-tigers, the White Tiger requires particular coordination and rhythm. When discussing rhythm, it is important to remember smooth motions--not unmetered jumps and splits of M.C. Hammer--think Marsalis: melodious, charming, comforting, improvisational and indefinite. Then switch up the tempo, repeat, coda, and with a bit of control you'll reach that oh-so-beautiful

SEE **SEX** | PAGE 11

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

After Sunset
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

The Grudge
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Incredibles
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 3:45, 4:20, 7:20

Polar Express
Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:40

Saw
Fri. 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 8:00

National Treasure
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

The Spongebob Squarepants Movie
Fri. 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 2:15, 4:40, 7:10

SEX | FROM PAGE 10

petit mort.

Petit mort: literally the little death. It's surrounded in the Sex Dictionary (yes, they exist) by words not as fulfilling, but definitely just as important: *paraphiliacs*; *passion*; *pearl necklaces*; the *phallic* and the more *physiological penis*; *pocket pals*; *pornography*; *popping the cherry*; and developing and exercising the *pubococcygeus* muscle, which I highly suggest.

Interestingly, the Sex Dictionary didn't include Pound--a contemporary of Yeats, Joyce and Eliot imprisoned for treason during the Second World War, Pound is the "p" that sparked this column; not necessarily for his craft, writing, but rather because of his relationships.

Pound's home in Italy was shared between himself, his wife and his 'companion'--a perpetually tense ménage-a-trois. The clash of wife and mistress must have been difficult.

Imagine your lover back home--your high school sweetheart you still hook up with over breaks--living with your college girlfriend in a cottage the size of a Macgregor apartment. Fun? Maybe for a week, but beyond that... maredom.

100 students in each graduating class at Muhlenberg will have had at least 12 sexual partners.

Worlds of committed relationships and affairs are meant to be separate; hence the definition of "affair." Collision is disastrous. Thus, as 18-22 year olds we simply opt against having our boyfriends/girlfriends meet our lovers.

Of course, occasionally, lover and committer are one in the same; but that's rare. In fact, according to the American College Health Association, nearly 20 percent of college students have more than 3 sexual partners a year. That means that it is possible that 100 students in each graduating class at Muhlenberg will have had at least 12 sexual partners.

I would hypothesize several of those partners occur simultaneously, so that within any 30 days, love-committers try not to allow the already stifling social situation at Muhlenberg to feel like an uncomfortable orgy.

Pound, however, didn't seem to mind the meshing of these two worlds, that is loved and lover; and Pippin, although stripped completely bare by the end of his quest for perfection, still found satisfaction in the quest itself; they were true Taoists.

You and I may not be. But it is something to consider as we begin this column's journey. As a means of introduction, this writer--like many before and many that will follow--will try to tease out a romantic constellation that is not a perfect eros, hoping to bring out some truths about our sexual reality, apart from how we use and abuse, neglect and reject or simply patronize sex.

Forgive me, in advance, if I tell you things you already know or say something with which you totally disagree. I would ask, like Pippin, that you try not to find perfection. This is a dialogue that you can continue with yourself, your friends and with your partner about what it is to be a sexual being, to have and want sex and to be involved in sexual relationships. It is, after all, a bit of extra added to our ordinary.

Write for Life!
Write for Life!
Write for Life!
Write for Life!
Write for Life!
Write for Life!
Write for Life!
Write
for
LIFE!

Get it? Good.

Contact Jackie at

js232543@
muhlenberg.edu

Muhlenberg Theatre Association
New Visions
3 Provocative Comedies in Repertory

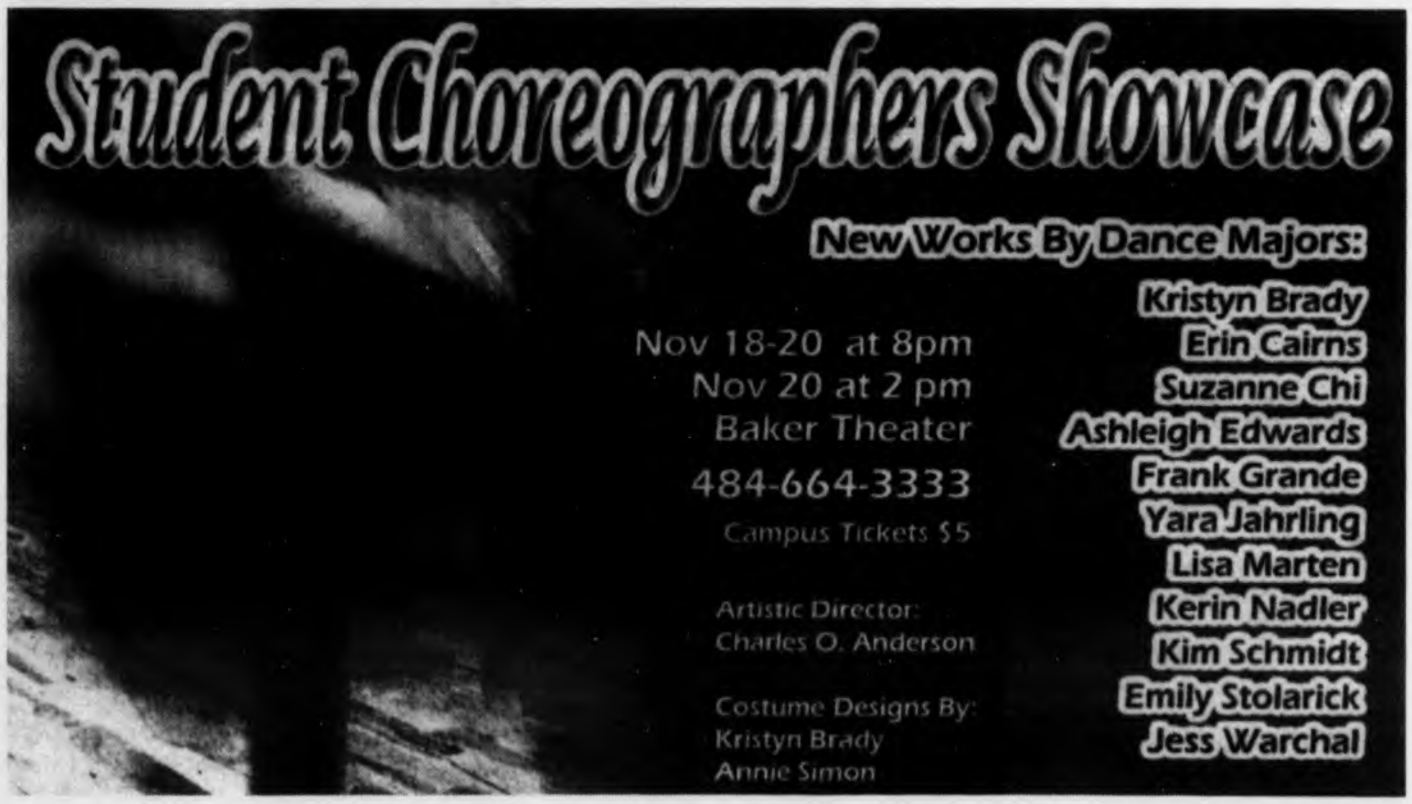
Christmas on Mars
Directed by Lydia Brubaker
Friday 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.

How I Learned to Drive
Directed by Jennifer Taylor
Saturday 2 p.m., Sunday 8 p.m.

Catholic School Girls
Directed by Joe Stefanelli
Saturday 8 p.m.

(Shows continue after Thanksgiving Break)

Studio Theatre, Trexler Pavilion
484-664-3333 Campus Tickets $5


Student Choreographers Showcase

New Works By Dance Majors:
Kristyn Brady
Erin Cairns
Suzanne Chi
Ashleigh Edwards
Frank Grande
Yara Jahrling
Lisa Marten
Kerin Nadler
Kim Schmidt
Emily Stolarick
Jess Warchal

Nov 18-20 at 8pm
Nov 20 at 2 pm
Baker Theater
484-664-3333
Campus Tickets $5

Artistic Director:
Charles O. Anderson

Costume Designs By:
Kristyn Brady
Annie Simon

Spring Break from $489
Bahamas, Cancun, Acapulco, Jamaica!

Free Parties, Free Drinks.
Sign up early and save.
Organize a small group and you travel free.
Or, sell more and get paid commission.
Call 1-800-438-7861

horoscopes

By Philli D'Vine and the writers of *The Little Mermaid*

Aries

"Flounder, don't be such a guppy." It's time for you to stand up for yourself and stop letting people walk all over you; just because you're short, or fat, or grossly socially inept doesn't mean you have to let everyone steal your lunch money...er, swipe card. So get some courage, my cowardly lion, and tell those bullies to back off. But, before you do, will you swipe me?

Taurus

"I want to be where the people are." You want to be social, but you just can't seem to get out of your room (AIM *is* pretty addicting). So what if friends have abandoned you and trashed you behind your back in the past? Most likely the new friends you make won't get tired of you for at least a couple of days...I mean, a couple months. So have fun while you still can.

Gemini

"Poor unfortunate souls, in pain, in need." So your life sucks right now. Look at the bright side: only seven more days until you get to go home for Thanksgiving. Although if your family is slightly dysfunctional, listening to your grandma talk to herself in the kitchen about how she never should have married your grandfather might be kind of relaxing.

Cancer

"I'm sixteen years old; I'm not a child!" No, your not, so stop acting like one. That dirty underwear needs to go in the laundry and not on the floor of your room for you roommate to discover in the middle of the night. Also, make your bed once in while. Really, how hard is it to put that comforter back in place. Besides, day old pizza on the floor is so not sexy.

Leo

"Not just any kiss--the kiss of true love!" Remember Friday night in your room with your *special* friend whom you aren't exactly dating? Well, on Monday it doesn't quite feel so good when he's checking out other girls because you two are just "friends with benefits." Wait for someone who cares for you instead of engaging in random hook-ups.

Virgo

"I'm gonna find her, and I'm gonna marry her." Okay, slow down little buddy. You might scare her away with that attitude. Take it slow. Maybe dinner and a movie first before a proposal. Rule of thumb: don't mention marriage until at least the second date. Also, it isn't necessary to call your date *every* fifteen minutes.

Libra

"Life's full of tough choices, ain't it." Watch Gilmore Girls or study for Spanish? Such tough, tough choices. But here's an idea: there's this new invention called a VHS tape and if you use it in conjunction with this thing called a VCR, then you can tape your favorite show, and then pretend to do your paper (read: procrastinate) for another half an hour.

Scorpio

"Do you hear what I'm telling you??? The prince is marrying the sea witch in disguise!" Your instincts are right. He shouldn't be with her; he should be with you. Although he doesn't know it yet, you're the one that he really wants. So carry out whatever back-stabbing schemes necessary to make him yours. And he will be yours, oh yes he will be yours!

Sagittarius

"Have I ever been wrong? I mean when it's important!" Actually, you have been wrong quite a few times. So stop lying and letting other people down. If you only kind of remember the movie times, look them up online instead of telling everyone the time you think it is because you'll be much happier when everyone's not pissed at you for missing the show.

Capricorn

"What have I done? What have I *done*?" Okay, so you screwed-up, a lot! It's okay, but now's the time to learn from your mistakes. Even though you got an "F" on that paper that's worth fifty percent of your grade, all you have to do is repeat the class in summer school or over winter break, instead of hanging out with your friends at the beach. Oh well.

Aquarius

"The seaweed is always greener in somebody else's lake." Other people are always going to have better things than you. Don't be sad about your neon green Geo Prism even though people on the sidewalk laugh and point as you drive by. Just think about how you work your ass off while other people's parents just give them money.

Pisces

"How on earth could I miss such a sweet little succulent crab?" Yeah, you didn't make your move at that party this weekend, and now the object of your affection has hooked-up with somebody else. You better just cut your losses and move on. Sorry, but you're going to have to settle for one of the other fishes in the sea.

HOMELESS

FROM PAGE 10

and motivates her to pursue an education when her mother dies of AIDS. Perhaps one of the saddest scenes in the movie comes when Murray's mother is buried in the charity plot with no gravestone and no funeral. Murray realizes that in order not to be forgotten like her mother, she needs to live differently.

Amazingly with only one year of formal schooling under her belt, Murray completes four years of high school in only two years at a public charter school. The top ten students are taken on an all expenses paid trip to Boston to visit Harvard and get them thinking about college. Murray is not only one of the top ten students in her class; she is number one. Yet, Harvard seems like an unattainable dream to Liz; all the people seem so different from her.

Furthering Murray's doubt, her best friend Chris asks her, "You think they let people like us into Harvard?" But with the encouragement of her teacher, Murray applies to Harvard and is accepted.

However, in order to be able to go to Harvard, Murray must apply for scholarships. She wins a twelve thousand dollar per year scholarship from the *New York Times* by writing an essay about her struggles with poverty and homelessness.

The movie was melodramatic at times as are many Lifetime movies, but the story it told was worth watching. Many teenagers who are not homeless cannot accomplish what Murray accomplished. For two years she hardly slept because she was doing double the work of the rest of the students in her class, and her grades only improved. The film is a portrayal of individual strength in times of trial.

OAR

FROM PAGE 9

says Culos, "The reason why people connect with it so much is because we've been doing it for so long."

O.A.R.'s history was explicit in not only their individual musicianship, but the interaction as a band. "An important part of being in a band is knowing your role in that band, seeing your potential in that role," says Gershman.

After finishing their set with crowd favorite, "That Was a Crazy Game of Poker," the band bowed off stage to the continuous chant of "O – A – R!" They quickly resumed their positions behind their instruments and launched into a mellow, acoustic version of "Black Rock" for their encore. The band allowed the crowd to choose the finale—the crowd's cheers overwhelmingly went to "City on Down."

Although it is not always easy to differentiate O.A.R. from other college rock bands, due to their now-popular alternative style, they are gracious, professional and know how to put on an upbeat show. Their lively natures, more than their musical style, sets them apart.

LIFE! EDITOR'S PICKS OF THE WEEK

VIDEO GAME	***Duck Hunt*** The game that was so far advanced for its time, that we're still not sure how it works. But it's still loved by anyone old enough to remember the first version of Nintendo. In this fantastically fake rendition of a day spent hunting in the woods, all you have to do is click the orange gun hundreds of times and hope a duck falls from the sky.	***The Editor Says:*** The orange gun. The little brown dog. Those obnoxious ducks. Oh, and let's not forget the quacking. So obnoxious, yet way too much fun. Sign onto ebay and bid away.
MOVIE	***Alfie*** This movies follows the life of an English bachelor, Jude Law, in New York City. Alfie has a healthy appetite for women and has trouble committing to just one. However, after several events change the course of his life, he wants to settle down. But sadly Alfie realizes that he is all alone.	***The Editor Says:*** Law directly addressing the audience is a little weird. The movie is entertaining, but the moral is obvious. The best part is Jude's smoldering good looks.
CD	***Some Devil*** Dave Matthews Dave goes solo for this catchy album, and although the radio stations latched onto Grave Digger, the other songs on this CD are much less overplayed and much more enjoyable.	***The Editor Says:*** Although the bonus disc only has five songs, these have become my five favorite songs, which I play over and over again while ignoring the main CD.
BOOK	***Indian Killer*** **By Sherman Alexie** A suspenseful novel about a serial killer, who is believed to be an Indian taking revenge on white men for colonialism. The tension between the Indian and White communities is clearly illustrated in Alexie's work.	***The Editor Says:*** A suspenseful read, but at the end Sherman does not clearly reveal the identity of the killer. Several convincing arguments could be made for different characters being the killer.

High expectations: Mules determined to succeed

By Betsy Stoller
Weekly Sports Writer

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Mules 2004-2005 basketball season will officially kick off this Friday and Saturday when the Mules hosts the 23rd Scotty Wood Tournament. The Mules, who have won the last four odd-numbered years in this tournament, are hoping to win back-to-back Scotty Wood titles for the first time ever.

The Mules will be playing their first round game on Friday night against Misericordia, who they beat two years ago 78-72 in Massachusetts. The teams competing in the tournament this year will bring stiff competition: three of the teams won at least nineteen games last year.

The Mules were 19-7 last year and lead the NCAA women's basketball in scoring. They averaged over 90 points a game and also led in three-pointers last year.

The Mules are ranked number three in the preseason analysis for the Centennial Conference. This year the Mules will continue their new style of play which they adopted last season. In this method, they play one minute in and one minute out, similar to substitutions in hockey. They have fourteen girls and two main rotations with subs on each rotation team.

The team will face challenges though. "This year is going to be a great test for our team because we have lost six seniors from last year, all of which played a critical role on our team," said Senior co-Captain Gwen Doyle, "I do believe, though, that we have the strength and talent to make this year an even better and more successful team than last year. With our speed and run and gun style, we should make it hard for any team to compete with us. Our team has a lot of drive and determination to make us win, and I think that will get us very far this season."

Much of the Mule height has been lost due to the loss of six valuable seniors; however, the skills are still very much alive. This speed and shooting skill is seen with senior co-Captains point guard Aril Bryant and shooting guard Gwen Doyle.

The Mules' main competition and rivals in the Centennial Conference are John Hopkins University, who defeated the Mules 99-93 in overtime last year, and McDaniel College, who also defeated the Mules in overtime 103-100. The Johns Hopkins Jays are ranked number one in the Centennial Conference, and McDaniel is ranked number two.

The Mules have the two returning senior captains, eight returning juniors, two returning sophomores and two freshmen. Among the returning juniors are guard Kristen Piscadlo and forward Stephanie Coluccini, who contributed many points in last year's season.

An optimistic Coluccini said, "We have faith in our athletic ability and have to trust our coach. We have had many coaches contact us about our playing style and want to come watch us at practice or games because of our large success last year. We are hoping to continue breaking records and to win some of the key games we lost in overtime last season."

"We are a completely new team that is very excited to get started," said Senior co-Captain Aril Bryant, "We have a lot of hard work in front of us, but I believe we are more than capable of handling whatever comes our way. We think this year is going to be huge."

Season looks bright

By Tara DeMarzo
Weekly Sports Writer

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Mules lost no one to graduation last year; however, it will not be the same team out on the court this season. Alterations include the absence of a few players who have hung up their jerseys and the addition of one freshman, Greg Pask.

Leading the Mules will be co-Captains and senior classmates, Dennis Severino and Chase Licata.

Severino is looked to by his teammates as a positive role model and hard worker both on and off the court and is currently a nominee for the Centennial Conference Sportsmanship Award.

Other seniors that are sure to lead by example are Donte Borden and Ryan Bonda. Borden led the team in assists and steals with 71 and 38 respectively, and Bonda contributed with a team-leading 38 three-pointers and averaged 7.6 points per game last winter.

The return of Sophomore Jeff Stewart and Junior Jimmy O'Brien add reason for optimistic expectations this season. The All-Conference honorable mention duo placed at the top of several Centennial Conference statistical rankings during the 2003-2004 season.

Stewart was the Centennial Conference's second-leading rebounder, finishing his first collegiate season with 7.9 per game and was also within the top six in the CC in scoring, shooting and shot-blocking.

The sophomore looks to be a serious threat to competition, returning with a full year of collegiate experience under his belt. His rookie season of 396 points ranked him second in Muhlenberg Basketball history among total season points for a freshman.

O'Brien had leading statistics of his own as he led the Centennial Conference in three-point shooting range percentage, shooting near 47 percent from behind the arc. Additionally, he ranked second on the team in rebounding, shooting, assists and steals.

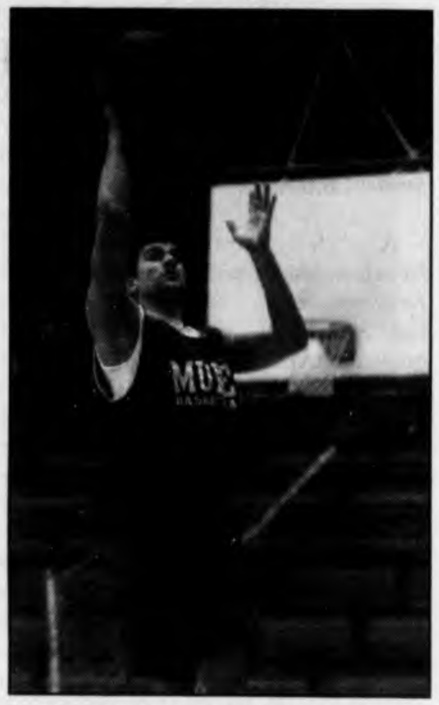

Senior Ryan Bonda practices for the upcoming Scotty Wood Tournament.

Photo by Rob Kandel

When questioned about his outlook for the upcoming season, O'Brien said, "We should have a pretty good season because we have everyone back. We have good senior leadership and a lot of young guys that got a lot of playing time last year. We'll be able to build off of last season."

The Mules open the 2004-05 season with the Scotty Wood Tournament this weekend. Tomorrow they face Hartwick, at 8:00 and Saturday the consolation and championship games will be played. The Mules' first home Centennial Conference game is against Washington (M.D.)

Men and women finish in top ten

By Allison Auclair
Weekly Sports Editor

CROSS COUNTRY

Both Muhlenberg Cross Country teams finished in the top ten of the Regional meet last weekend.

The women finished ninth, while the men were tenth, landing in the top ten for the third time in four years. It was also only the second time that both Mule teams placed in the top ten.

Senior Jenna Belisonzi recorded the second-best finish ever by a member of the Mule women's team, coming in fourteenth. Belisonzi attributes her success to her teammates. "Every girl on the team ran with an incredible amount of courage and guts. I couldn't have asked for a better group of people and a better last race to finish off the season."

Junior Christy Grandjean finished with her best race of the season, coming in second place for the Mules. Junior Karen Mount came in behind Grandjean as the third Mule to cross the line in 68th place overall.

"Everyone on the team works very hard and deserves so much credit, especially Christy," Belisonzi said. "She is a huge asset to our team."

The men's team, however, failed to place on the all-region team for the first time since 1998. Junior Alexander Hotz was the top finisher for the Mules in 46th place. Sophomore Christopher Martin was the second Mule to cross the line.

Scotty Wood

Basketball Tournament

This Friday & Saturday, 11-19, 11-20

It's not just Basketball.

Come enjoy food, fun and excitement. Support our basketball teams, watch your friends perform during the half time shows and win wonderful prizes.

MULE SENIOR

Jenna Belisonzi--Cross Country

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

As the captain of the Muhlenberg Cross Country team, Senior Jenna Belisonzi has brought talent, skill and knowledge to the team during her last collegiate season. The 5'3 long distance runner from Wycoff, NJ graduated from Immaculate Heart Academy with varsity letters in cross country and track, and she continues to be involved with both sports at Muhlenberg.

Belisonzi has been the Mules' leader this season, leading her team to their first away win in College history at the McDaniel Invitational. This season, with Belisonzi leading the team, the Mules have made regional rankings for the first time, placing seventh in the Mideast Region.

Despite these team accomplishments, Belisonzi has reached several important personal milestones as well. Last season she was chosen for the second team All-Centennial Conference and All-Mideast Region last season, by placing fourteenth and sixteenth, respectively, at those meets.

Belisonzi also had a career best finish at the 2004 McDaniel Invitational, being the first Mule to cross the line and the third overall runner to finish the race.

"As a team, we have had a really strong 2004 season. I think it's primarily due to our hard work, but I am happy with how we performed this year," Belisonzi said.

Last weekend, Belisonzi continued her stellar performance as she recorded the second-best finish ever by a member of the Mule women's team at the Regional meet hosted by Allegheny.

She finished in fourteenth to earn all-region honors for the second year in a row. Belisonzi is only the second Muhlenberg female to make the all-region squad twice, and the first to do it in consecutive seasons.

She led the women last year at regionals, as she finished sixteenth in the 2003 regional meet and fifth at the 2003 Centennial Conference Championships.

Overall, Belisonzi speaks highly of her team's success this year. "I have very few regrets about my career at Muhlenberg. It was a wonderful four years, and we have a great team dynamic which fueled our success. This team is truly an inspiring group of people who always keep their heads up even when it is so easy to get discouraged."

She also attributes her personal success at Regionals to her teammates. "Although I got a little choked up when I took the line on Saturday, what comforted me was knowing that I had the most solid girls backing me up," said Belisonzi.

Senior Jenna Belisonzi is the first Mule to make the All-Region team in consecutive seasons.

Photo by Rob Kandel

FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE 16

Senior Ryan Peer has had his own success this year. Ranked in the top five in Centennial Conference for tackles for loss (16.5), sacks (8.5) and forced fumbles (four), Peer also received the Bianco Award as the Mules' Most Valuable Player. He tied for a team-high seven tackles and put pressure on the Moravian Greyhounds' passer and kickers all game long.

The Mules defense may have the rankings, but the offense made the difference in this game. They went four-for-four on fourth down attempts, each of which led to first half touchdowns. They rushed for a total of 171 yards on 49 attempts. They also completed nine of eighteen passes, with a total of 234 yards.

The Mules unveiled their fifth tailback of the 2004 season: Sophomore Jerome Beverly. He entered the game with just one carry for three yards, but he exploded last week with 111 yards on eleven carries. He is the fourth tailback this season to record a 100 yard game.

The Mules defense still holds the number one position in total defense and rush defense, and has made strides in various other categories. That was evident again this week, as the Mules defense held the fifth-leading rusher in Division III (D3) to 94 yards on 26 carries.

Moravian's offense is ranked well in Division III statistics according to D3football, averaging 428 yards per game. They were no match for the Mules number one defense, earning only 194 yards last week. Defense held Moravian's quarterback to only nine completions, with 31 attempts. Junior Alex Miller also added to the list of interceptions, with a 25 yard gain.

The Mules will travel to Rochester, NY on Saturday to play away against St. John Fisher College in the first round of the NCAA Division III Championships. This match is one of twelve first-round games, and the winner will face the victor of the Shenandoah-at-Delaware Valley contest.

As the Mules held down the defensive rankings, St. John Fisher College made their mark offensively. As of last Saturday, Fisher was ranked twelfth in scoring offense (40.4 pts per game), eighteenth in total offense (448.0 yards per game) and 30th in rushing offense (232.0 yards per game). The

---

Kristen Bruschi--Field Hockey

By Kristen Ziegler
Sports Editor

After placing second in the Centennial Conference as the Career Goal Leader and the Career Point Leader, Kristen Bruschi has been named to the All-Centennial Conference first team.

Though she was named to the first team her sophomore year and second team her junior year, Bruschi, a forward, remains modest. "It is a team effort; if you don't have a great team around you working hard, you can't do it," said Bruschi, "They get you the ball so you can do your thing."

Bruschi was able to do "her thing" this season, and she led the Mules with four assists and sixteen goals. She had two games in which she scored three goals. "I had a good season and am happy with it. I did well overall and can't expect any more of myself," said Bruschi.

Bruschi is ranked second in the Centennial Conference's history with 59 career goals and 135 career points. This historic accomplishment makes Bruschi the College's leader in goals for this season as shown by her .94 scoring average. This season, she was second only to Franklin and Marshall's Eileen Keever, who has a scoring average of one goal per game.

Though the Mules are seventh in the Centennial Conference and only made the first round of CC playoffs, Bruschi is still proud of her team.

"They did a good job, though it doesn't show in the team's games," said Bruschi. "It was hard work. We did fumble a couple of games, but it was a good season."

Bruschi has been involved in more than just Field Hockey in the her College career. She is an accounting major, and is a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, a committee that offers suggestions about the policies that affect student-athletes. "I went to a conference, and in a meeting we talked about various issues including when we should have game times," said Bruschi.

Bruschi volunteers for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), which offers income tax services to low-income families during the tax season.

This experience has prepared Bruschi for working; she is joining Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, which is one of the nation's Big Four accounting firms in the Tax and Accounting Sites Directory.

Senior Kristen Bruschi ranks second in the CC in career goals and points.

Photo by Rob Kandel

SPOTLIGHT

Rebecca Armstrong--Women's Soccer

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

Upon the completion of her junior year, Rebecca Armstrong was the Mules' lone returning All-Conference player, as she entered her senior season fourth on the all-time scoring list with 83 career points. She also earned All-Region honors for the third time in 2003, leading the team with 30 points on twelve goals and six assists.

Armstrong's senior year followed in the same positive direction. In 2004, the senior forward made College history by landing on the first team for the fourth year in a row. She is only the fourth women's soccer player to earn first-team All- Centennial honors four times, joining Heather Rice '02 of Franklin & Marshall, Alyssa Carlow '03 of Dickinson and former teammate Dawn Iberer '03.

This season, Armstrong led the Mules with seventeen points on eight goals and an assist in 2004. She finished her career as the ninth leading scorer in Centennial Conference history with an even 100 points on 40 goals and 20 assists.

Armstrong attributes the majority of her success to her teammates. "As a team, I think we did pretty well, but we had an unfortunate loss to Ursinus College. I think we had a difficult time this year because we were really young, and we lost a couple seniors last year, not just good players but those with strong personalities and leadership skills," said Armstrong.

"However, we won a lot of games that people thought we were going to lose, so overall I would say that this season was successful. With soccer, it doesn't depend on the player, it depends on the dynamic of the team. The younger girls on the team are a great inspiration and are very talented. They have a lot to look forward to in the upcoming years," said Armstrong.

Armstrong is very hard on herself and claims that her performance this year was less than ideal. "I don't think this was one of my better years, but it's hard because every year there are so many expectations on you to perform better. It was also hard because [without] the people [who graduated] that I have been playing with over the past four years aiding me...it was difficult and it was a struggle getting the ball and making the offense work."

Overall, Armstrong believes that her collegiate career was successful, and she is pleased with her own personal performance over the past four years, as well as the team's performance. In the future, she hopes to obtain a teaching job and pursue coaching soccer.

Armstrong speaks positively about the College's soccer program, and wishes them the best of success in the future. "I think the program is a great thing, and there are so many amazing players on the team. They are a great group of girls, and I wish them the best of luck next year."

Senior Rebecca Armstrong finished her collegiate career as the ninth leading scorer in CC history.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Nick Rosetti-- Football

By Robin DeCicco
Asst. Sports Editor

Senior co-Captain Nick Rosetti is more shocked than anyone that his team made it to NCAA playoffs. "The team is excited to play St. John Fisher next week, mainly because we never thought we would be lucky enough to be in this position. The guys have all been practicing hard and I feel confident that we will play our best and advance to the next round of the playoffs," said Rosetti.

In addition to the football team's success, Rosetti's achievements this season as leading quarterback have been attention grabbing.

He played in every game this season, with a total of 111 completions, while attempting 229 throws. Rosetti's nine touchdowns place him fourth in the individual ranking of all Centennial Conference teams.

Regarding his number of completions, Rosetti said, "I am satisfied with my amount of completions, considering many key players who I would normally throw the ball to were injured. Although it was initially an adjustment to throw to teammates who would usually be on the bench, we all played well together and it became easier to find them on the field."

Rosseti is impressed with his own performance, but he takes more pride in his position as the team's co-Captain. "I think I have been a good leader on and off the team. The team has had to deal with a few unfortunate incidents this season, especially losing many valuable players to injury; therefore, the team looked to me for strength and encouragement," said Rosetti.

Although Rosetti admits that he complains about the long practice hours, he will miss playing on this team when the season ends. "The guys on this team are more important to me than the game itself; I formed my best friendships during afternoon practices and Saturday bus rides to games."

He said, "The major benefit of joining this organization was not only learning how to further develop my football skills, but also to be a part of a group of guys who have similar interests and care a lot about each other."

Senior Nick Rosetti played in every game this season while averaging 111 completions.

Photo by Rob Kandel

SPORTS SCHEDULE

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FOOTBALL		at John Fisher College at 12:00 p.m.
WRESTLING	Ursinus Invitational at 9:30 p.m.	
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	Scotty Wood vs. Misericordia at 6:00 p.m.	Scotty Wood Consolation/ Championship
MEN'S BASKETBALL	Scotty Wood vs. Hartwick at 8:00 p.m.	Scotty Wood Consolation/ Championship

Correction:

In the Nov. 11 issue, the article stated: "The new wrestler's bring a colloquial of talent and impressive records" when it should have read, "The new wrestler's bring a cornucopia of talents and impressive records."

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Inside: *Men's and Women's Basketball Season Previews page 13*

Inside: *Senior Spotlights-- A look at the leaders pages 14 and 15*

Mules join playoffs when Greyhounds fall

By Allison Marman
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

FOOTBALL

In the 2004 season, the Mules (8-2) have been faced with a number of difficult challenges. The combination of season-ending injuries and last minute game losses left the team with a questionable future. But last weekend, everything seemed to fall into place as they defeated their rival Moravian. In addition to this win, the Mules were dependent upon the outcome of five other games to earn them the Centennial Conference bid to the NCAA tournament. This is the third year in a row that the Mules will be competing in round one. They hope to stay alive into advanced rounds this year.

"The character of the guys on this team is unbelievable," said Senior co-Captain Frank Santini. "All season we have just overcome obstacle after obstacle... This season has really been a great story, and the great part is that it's not over yet."

Freshman Matt Johnson crashes through the Moravian defense to aid the Muhlenberg victory.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

In the game this weekend, Moravian took the kick-off, and the Mules took the ball on the four yard line. On the third down, they gave up two points when a holding penalty in the end zone resulted in a safety.

With Moravian up 2-0, the Greyhounds took the ball to the Mules 27 yard line, but the Mules' defense stopped its first of five fourth-down stops.

With just over three minutes left in the first quarter, a screen pass from Senior Nick Rosetti found Sophomore Stephen Montalto on a fourth and four attempt. Montalto ran 28 yards down the sideline, where he dove to the endzone for the first touchdown of the game.

Senior Brian Hendershot recovered his own onsides kick, giving the Mules' possession for another offensive move. The Mules drove 54 yards in eleven plays, placing them on the three yard line. Sophomore Keith Shalvoy had a three yard run on a fourth and one, and freshman back Matt Johnson took to ball from the one yard line and barreled his way to the endzone to add to the Mules' lead.

Later that quarter, Sophomore Dustin Martin blocked a punt, which gave the Mules possession at the Moravian 20 yard line. A few plays later, including a first down run from Johnson on a fourth-and-one, a five yard pass from Rosetti flew into Sophomore Chris Giannini's hands in the endzone. The half concluded with the Mules up 20-2.

Scoring came to a halt until a sequence in the beginning of the fourth quarter put a few points on the Moravian side. A fumbled punt by the Mules gave Moravian the ball on the Mules' 27, and one play later they found the endzone to make the score 20-8. This broke the Mules' record of 24 quarters with no offensive touchdowns.

A blocked extra point by Senior Ryan Peer left the ball in play. Passing through a number of hands, it finally found its way to freshman defensive back Ryan Merrill, who ran it to the endzone for the first defensive extra point in Mule history.

The ensuing kickoff went to Junior Phil Gasker, who returned it 85 yards for the third 'Berg touchdown, making the score 28-8. Gasker added to the excitement with an interception on the three yard line late in the fourth quarter, but a fumble in the endzone just after this was recovered by Moravian and the scoring came to a close, with the final score 28-8.

This season has been a successful one for the Mules' secondaries. Juniors Justin Adair, Mike McCurley and Phil Gasker have each had their best season, with the chance to build on their success in the next year. The Mules have not allowed a touchdown pass in 238 pass attempts. This week was no different, as Adair intercepted a pass on the final play of the game and tied a school record with his thirteenth pass breakup of the season.

SEE **FOOTBALL** | PAGE 14

Mules pin opponents; wrestle into eighth

By Dylan Moulton
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

WRESTLING

The Muhlenberg wrestling team placed eighth out of eleven teams at the Monarch Individual Tournament at King's College.

The Mules scored 78 points, beating Centennial Conference competitor Gettysburg College who had 71 points, but falling to tournament champion Ursinus College, who totaled 173 points.

Sophomore Matt Loesch, the 197 pounder, won the tournament as a freshman and earned a second place trophy this year, but fell this year to Jason Reilly of King's College, 6-1.

In the Brute-Adidas National Wrestling Coaches Association preseason poll, Loesch is eighth in the 197 lb. weight class. Loesch's record in the past season placed him as one of the College's top wrestler's by winning percentage. He won three tournament titles and went on to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Freshman John Hesse, new to the team this year at 184 pounds, came back from a first round loss to win the next five matches, including the opponent who beat him first round, Matt Heisler of Steven's Tech. He ended up earning the third place slot. In high school, Hesse was a state ranked wrestler before joining the Collehe's team.

Placing fifth, Senior co-Captain Jeremy Hart won four matches at the 149 pound weight class. He wrestled up a weight class, as he normally wrestles in the 141 pound weight class.

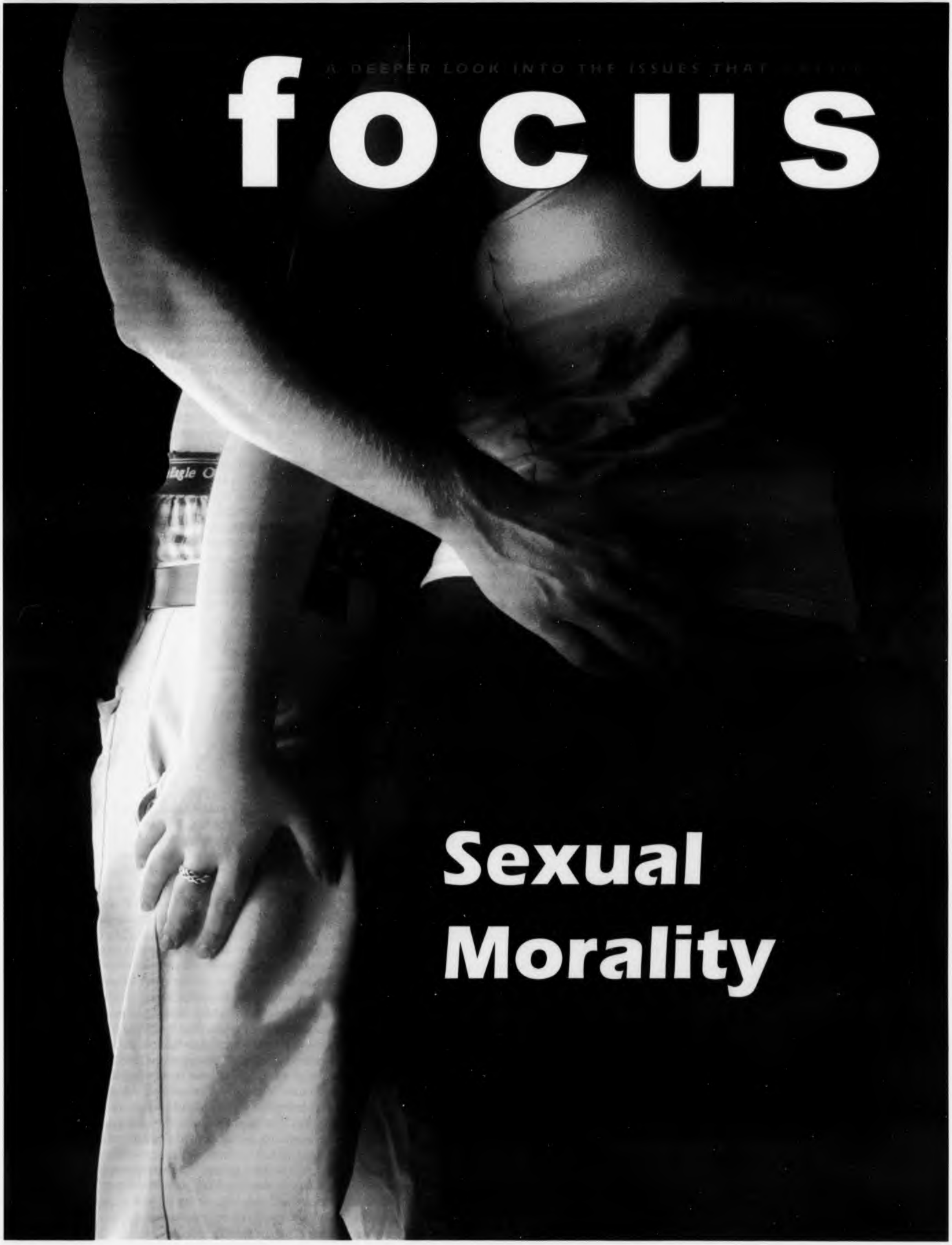
Freshman Brian Saval went 2-2 for the day as well at the 149 pound weight class. One of Saval's losses was by decision, 8-1, to the fourth ranked Division III wrestler in the nation.

Other notable wrestlers were Sophomore Joseph DeCampo at 141 pounds and Freshman Brett Gallaway at 174 pounds who opened their collegiate careers with wins.

The Mules have another tournament this Saturday at Ursinus College, which will help them gain more experience before the dual-meet portion of the season begins on Dec. 9.

A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT [illegible]

focus



Sexual Morality

Sex as a cross-cultural experience

By Dr. J. Christopher Kovats-Bernat
Assistant Professor of Anthropology

In calling for a constitutional ban on gay marriage, President Bush declared that "marriage cannot be severed from cultural, religious and natural roots without weakening the good influence of society," suggesting that heterosexual marriage is the "most fundamental institution of civilization." A century of anthropological research on families cross-culturally and through time provides no support for the view that social order depends upon marriage as exclusively heterosexual. A vast array of family types, including same-sex partnerships, are known to contribute to stable and humane societies. Unless one holds the pitiable opinion that sex is only for procreation and not at all for fun, then one at the most must admit the scientific fact that humans have a lot of sex, enjoy it a great deal and engage in it imaginatively for pleasure as well as reproductive success.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Studies suggest that men think about sex on average every thirty minutes during waking hours, and though women's fantasies tend to ebb and flow with greater variability, they do keep pace with men.This high degree of sexual interest and regular fertility has permitted humans to reach the six billion population mark while our closest living genetic relatives - the African apes - are threatened with extinction.

Gorilla females are only capable of and receptive to reproduction once every five years after puberty. During those infrequent periods of amorousness, couplings are frequent, fast and serial, but it only takes a few failed conceptions or miscarriages to result in the genetic demise of an entire gorilla population. Apes simply aren't sexed enough to make enough of themselves. We are; humans are potentially ready and willing to have sex throughout adult life.

Tolerance of homosexuality is variable from one society to the next. In the U.S., eleven states have voted to ban gay marriage, and in thirteen states sodomy remains illegal. Advocates of these laws who appeal to the imagined heterosexual virtues of past civilizations are ill-informed. Ancient Roman warriors were expected to have sex with pubescent boys who traveled with the legions for the purpose, and ancient Greeks endorsed gay sex as a desirable relationship.

Perhaps the most pro-homosexual societies are to be found in the interior of New Guinea. Highland groups prohibit heterosexual relations 260 days a year and forbid it altogether in the house or garden. Conversely, homosexuality is not restricted at all and is believed to make crops flourish. Still, even among these populations there is little agreement about what kinds of homosexual acts are "proper."

Three such groups mandate insemination rituals (marked by the ceremonial transmission of fertile "seed" from adult men to the infertile bodies of boy-initiates) as a requirement for the passage of boys into manhood. Among the Etoro, the preferred method is fellatio, among the Kaluli it is anal intercourse and among the Onbabasalu it is the smearing of semen on the bodies of the initiates. Not surprisingly, each group finds the others' customs disgusting--additional evidence of the relative nature of human sexuality.

As humans, we are capable of adapting our sexual behaviors to any number of needs beyond the procreative. People have sex because they want children, indeed. But, we also have sex because we love our partners. Some have sex to ensure the fertility of adolescent initiates. Others have sex to make a living. Most have sex simply because it feels really, really good.

It is not as if without law society becomes a craven sexual free-for-all. Everywhere traditions, customs, norms and taboos regulate "proper" sexual behavior and serve as less invasive means of controlling deviance. Incest is controlled by informal sanctions that pressure people to copulate a relational distance from kin. STDs continue to be negotiated by strategies of risk-avoidance that long predate the dawn of abstinence pedagogy in the public school system. The sanctity of the marital bed will remain intact without exclusionary legislation, despite the historical tolerance of--indeed, desire for--fellatio, cunnilingus and anal sex. American heterosexual marriage will continue to produce babies guaranteeing the next generation, even with the legalization of gay marriage.

Right now, people all over the world are having all kinds of interesting sex in positions other than the missionary just for the sheer pleasure of it. Some are even doing it all by themselves. Yet somehow, and maybe even because of this glorious fact, civilization goes happily on.

Desire as science: Nature or Nurture?

By Dr. Jeremy A. Teissere
Assistant Professor of Biology and Director of the Neuroscience Program

We have witnessed an accelerated movement of sex into clinical research over the past 100 years. The scientific study of desire has counted the varieties of sexual experience ad nausaeum - first, to label pathology, and later, to normalize deviance. Recently, neuroscience has been uniquely poised to look for the biological basis of homosexuality in humans.

With some exceptions, the focus of these studies has been the roots of gay male behavior and identity. Especially from 1991-1998, a body of research was published that looked for biological correlates of male homosexuality. The research generally divides into two main categories: (1) looking for structural differences in brains and (2) looking for genetic differences among populations. I would like to focus here on the first category, in particular the work of Simon LeVay, and challenge the assumptions at work in these studies.

In 1991, LeVay mapped the geographic size of a small portion of the anterior hypothalamus (INAH) in the brains of 19 gay and 16 straight males. The INAH is thought to be congruent to an area in the rat brain that is several times larger in males than females and directs rat sexual behavior. In humans, LeVay identified an interesting dimorphism in the INAH - one section was two to three times larger in straight men than in gay men. He also found no large difference in INAH size between six females of unknown sexual orientation and the 19 gay men. LeVay speculated that the difference in INAH size could be due to differences in hormone exposure in utero that eventually "caused" these men to be gay.

> *(Rather than seeking the biological roots of sex, we may well focus on the cultural assumptions about gender that blur the results of sex studies...)*

There are assumptions made in these studies that I would like to discuss. First, all 19 of the gay male subjects had died prior to the study from AIDS complications, as did six of their straight counterparts. We know that the size of INAH may change as sex hormone levels drop, a common side-effect of HIV infection. Including the six HIV-positive straight men does not adequately control for this confound. Second, we know little about the sexual histories of any of the research subjects, only their public sexual identity as reported clinically. We must trust, then, that the identities are honest, representative and binary. This assumes that no straight male subject was ever attracted to (and/or had sex with) other men. If sexuality, as Kinsey proposed, is best modeled by a continuum, research studies that enforce binary categories of sex will be highly problematic in design.

My objection to LeVay is his insistence that rat studies are predictive of human sexual behavior. Rat sexual postures are malleable and dependent on hormones. Male rodents deprived of testosterone during development often adopt female sex postures and court other males as adults when injected with estrogen. Humans are not sensitive to hormonal manipulation in this way. These studies confuse sexual posture in rats with sexual motivation in humans. Thus, gay male identity is read as feminized masculinity. No attention is paid to the "normal" male rat who mounts the receptive male! These data are hardly predictive of sexual motivation in humans.

Research in neuroendocrine mechanisms of homosexuality have yet to deal with this conundrum. Rather than seeking the biological roots of sex, we may well focus on the cultural assumptions about gender that blur the results of sex studies and treat as racially uniform any behavior that is not heterosexual monogamy.

Waiting saves the beauty of sex

By Ryan Kavalsky
Class of 2005

Our bodies are beautiful, aren't they? The greatest thing about this is the fact that we have absolute control. That's a lot of power. Remember in that ode to skipping school, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off,* when Ferris and his two friends were driving that sweet Ferrari through the streets of Chicago? They seemed to be enjoying the ride, but down the road their fun came to an end. Perhaps the saddest moment in all of motion picture history was when that little red hushpuppy sailed out the back of Daddy's garage. Dang. Doesn't it hurt to see such beauty lose so much value in the blink of an eye? This is what we do to our bodies, however, when we choose to have sex before marriage.

For the Ferris' out there, it's really never too late to "visit the dealer" (the one I know repairs everything for free, by the way); in other words, it's not too late to promise to wait to have sex. I'll tell you that I've taken the keys out quite a few times in the past (I've had my share of forged physical "intimacy"), but the number of times I've wrecked my car has led me to leave those keys alone. The decision to wait was one of the greatest of my life -- my relationships have grown deeper, my confidence has grown stronger and my love has grown wider. I'll tell you, the test drive is just not worth it.

When driven properly, Ferraris last forever. When the wrong driver is behind the wheel (your mind being the driver of your body), however, it loses value fast. When one is married, that person not only gets a nice ring, reception and a heck of a lot of food--that person also gets a "license to drive." When I was 15, my family had a '92 Nissan waiting for me in the driveway. It was mine, but I wasn't allowed to drive it because I hadn't earned my license yet. There's a car on everybody's driveway; there's somebody out there waiting for everyone. This, however, is the kind of car that you either drive for the rest of your life or not at all. You see, driving a car before you receive your license is not the way to go -- neither is having sex before marriage.

Are you having premarital sex because you love him? Love is forever, and marriage is proof. Are you doing it just because it feels good? That's selfishness at its worst. Are you having sex before marriage because you simply don't care? I hope she knows that. I really don't want to sound cruel. I'm just trying to help you think about things in a powerfully different way.

Were you aware that condoms have a 15 percent failure rate in preventing pregnancy? Even birth control isn't perfect. Before you decide to drive without a license, ask yourself if you can really afford to face the consequences. As it stands, the pleasure of sex is short, but the ramifications are longterm, and it's important to remember that fact before going through with such a significant decision--otherwise, you may make a mistake.

So, why did you want to take that Ferrari out, again? Please, put those keys back in the drawer and wait until you're old enough to drive. Why did you want to have sex before marriage, again? Please, put those thoughts back in your head and wait until you're married.

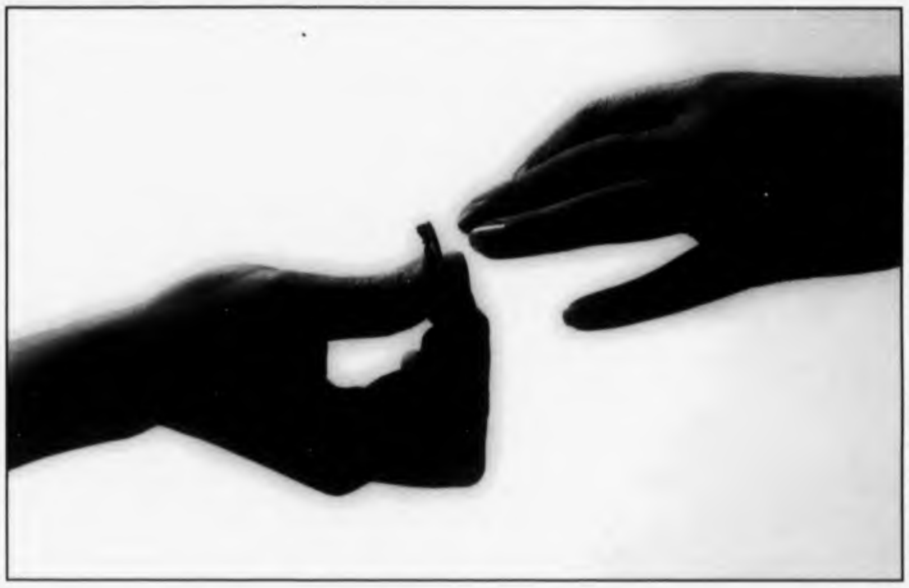


Photo By Rob Kandel

Only you decide your sexual activity

By Amy Cookson
Class of 2005

In our country, we recognize an individual's right to privacy. What could be more private than a person's decision whether or not to engage in sexual activity? To paraphrase a feminist slogan, "Not the church / not the state / only you decide / your sexual fate."

Those with traditional values, or strong religious values, are likely to argue that people should abstain from premarital sex; they might say that those who do have sex before marriage are women, or men, of loose morals.

There is an old taboo that those who engage in premarital sex are less committed to marriage, and therefore less likely to have a successful marriage. However, according to a 1993 study by sociologist Jay Teachman of Western Washington University, women who have premarital sex and cohabitate with their future spouse do not have a higher likelihood of divorce than women who do not have premarital sex or live with a partner prior to marriage.

Premarital sex and cohabitation have become steps in the courtship process. Teachman also found, however, that women who have multiple premarital sex partners have an enhanced risk of divorce. Other sociologists have suggested that future research look at the correlation between multiple premarital sex partners and divorce as the relationship between the two characteristics has yet to be explained.

The real dangers of sexual activity are not necessarily when one engages in said activity, but how one engages in sexual activity i.e. are you practicing safe sex? For heterosexual women, birth control is a must, whether it is some form of oral contraceptive, a contraceptive patch, vaginal ring or a diaphragm.

However, these methods do not protect against HIV infection and other sexually transmitted diseases. To prevent STDs, sexual partners must use condoms. Condoms, when used properly, have an effectiveness rate of about 85 percent.

The bottom line: you have the right to have sex as you wish, just please do it safely. Having sex is a personal choice that each individual must make for himself or herself. Nevertheless, safety is key in both physical and emotional respects, and the proper precautions should always be taken to ensure that no one gets hurt.

Emotionally, only you can determine when you want to have sex. You shouldn't feel pressure from society, the media or your partner to have it. Your partner should be someone whom you trust and respect who trusts and respects you.

Ultimately, it is your decision -- one that deserves careful and heartfelt thought.

Photot by Rob Kandel

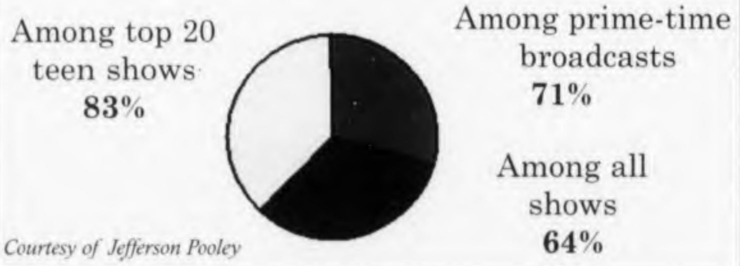
Pop culture: Overload of sexual content?

By Professor Jefferson Pooley
Instructor of Communication

Sex sells, of course, but its never sold quite this well; there's more sex on TV--much more-than there was even five years ago. According to the latest Kaiser Foundation study, nearly two-thirds of all TV shows portray some sexual content. The 20 top-rated shows among teens were even more likely to contain sexual content. In the 1997-1998 season--the first season tracked by the respected Kaiser studies--seven percent of the sampled programs depicted or implied intercourse; that figure has doubled since. But we know this already; from the WB to HBO, it's obvious that there's more small screen sex than ever.

It's tempting to leave the implied influence hanging, as it were, in the air. Too often, scholars and armchair critics alike take a bundle of TV messages, and assume that these cut grooves in the viewer's mind. When we see all these steamy, prime-time love scenes, we might expect more, and steamier, love off camera. Much published fretting, in particular, links sex on TV to promiscuity among the young and the unwed. But the evidence isn't there. The percentage of high school age teens who've had sex declined steadily over the last ten years. And teen pregnancy rates remain in freefall.

Percent of shows with sexual content, by type of show, in 2001-2002



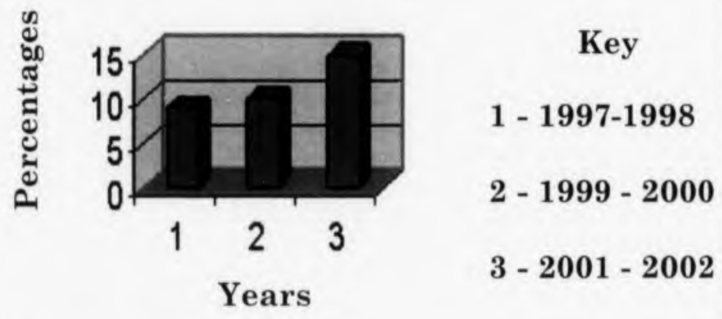
Courtesy of Jefferson Pooley

The push to neatly measure media impact -- the motivation for 80 years of research on mass communication -- continues despite an ironic conundrum. Our minds are marinated in media from infancy, and this is true of all of us. The attempt to isolate "society" from "media" (the effort, to put it more boldly, to explain "society" according to "media") stalls when the variables themselves are tightly enmeshed.

We're much better off studying TV and the rest as crucial, if uneven, contributors to a mix of long-term pressures. These entities, together, shape the men and women we become. But this means giving up the quest for clean, causal answers.

It's not clear, anyway, if we're asking the right questions. In the trenches of the culture wars, those questions get posed for us. We're asked to cheer along the toppling of televisual taboos, or else to huddle with the church pew scolds. We're not asked, though, to account for all the new televised sex. This, it seems to me, is the real taboo.

Among all shows with sexual content, the percent that also includes safer sex references, over time

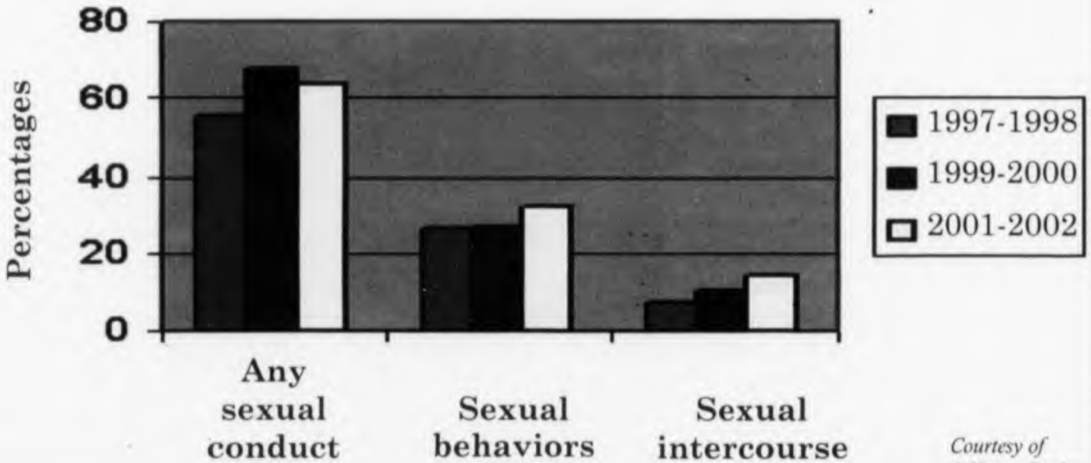


Courtesy of Jefferson Pooley

For better or worse, a sexualized pop culture is the predictable result of a market-driven media system. The logic of competition calls for an ever receding hemline--a ceaseless succession of bar--raising one-upmanship. Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction," in other words, was shrewd business strategy. Hence Fox touts one of its new shows with, "Network television has never gone this far!" Dionysus is welcomed with enthusiasm into the boardroom, mainly because hedonism sells emphatically well.

The strange politics that swirl around media obscure the market's central role. In America's peculiar political spectrum, traditionalists make common cause with free-market zealouts, and both share the label "conservative." Leftists decry the market's excesses even as they embrace the permissive pop culture-wind to the market's fire. Meanwhile, the furious contest for next season's ratings gets underway.

Percent of shows with sexual content, from 1997-2002



Courtesy of Jefferson Pooley

Survey Says...

Sex Survey Results from Students Ages 18-24

18% of women and 32% of men state that there are virgins.

The average number of partners for college students per year is 1.2.

74% percent of students say that sex and contraception should be discussed before engaging in the act itself.

However, 24% of women and 32% of men say that they have had sex that was unplanned.

89% of students believe that monogamous couples should be tested for STIs and HIV before they stop using condoms.

However, 62% of students believe that they could tell if another person had an STI by simply looking

In reality, two-thirds of sexually transmitted infections occur in students under the age of 25, according to the American Social Health Association.

87% of men and 60% of women say they know how to use a condom correctly.

However, 14 out of 100 women who use condoms during sex will become pregnant within their first year of use, according to Planned Parenthood.

Compiled from www.smartersex.org

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Victor's Lament is a piece of art on campus with an interesting and largely unknown history.
page 5

Inside

ATO's involvement in the film Frat House*: fact or fiction? The truth is revealed*
page 11

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 10 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2004

Robberies continue: no suspects caught

By Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

As the semester draws to a close there appears to be little progress made toward ridding the campus of its crime wave. The most recent incident involved a female student walking to her car on the 2200 block of Gordon Street, bringing the total number of armed-robbery victims this year to three.

According to the student's statement on the incident, while she was walking down the street a man approached her from the opposite direction. When the man was ten feet away he pulled out a gun and told her to give up her purse.

After complying with the man's demands, the student called in the incident to Campus Safety. Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, stated that a lot of vehicles responded to the student's call including the Allentown Police Department (APD).

Lupole said, "An investigator was assigned to the case and has been working with us since."

The investigation thus far into the case has yielded little information to link this recent incident to the two others that have occurred this semester. Lupole explained that it is "difficult to get a good description."

He added that all of the descriptions in the three cases have been different. "We don't know if it is one individual," he confirmed.

Despite the fact that there

SEE **CRIME** | PAGE 8

Former College President dies at 78

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

Dr. Jonathan Messerli, former President of the College died Sunday at the age of 78.

He was the College's ninth president and served from 1984 to 1992. He also served as President of Susquehanna University from 1977 to 1983.

Several renovations were performed under Messerli's leadership.

The Trexler Library was built, the former library was converted into the Haas College Center and Ettinger was renovated.

James Steffy, Planning Consultant, was the Vice President for Planning and Administration under Messerli both at the College and at Susquehanna University.

Steffy said, "He felt facilities played a role in teaching and in attracting well qualified students."

According to Steffy, Messerli had high goals for the College. He wanted it to be among the very selective liberal arts institutions.

Steffy also said, "He was intent on continuing to improve the academic programs of the College."

Messerli was also an educator and served as Dean of the School of Education at

SEE **PRESIDENT** | PAGE 5

After a student was struck by a vehicle on Nov. 18, many students are using more caution while crossing Chew St.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Student hit by car while crossing Chew Street

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

Laura Morby '06 was struck by a car on Chew Street in the crosswalk that leads to South, Robertson and Benfer Halls. The incident occurred around 6:00 p.m. on Nov. 18.

Morby was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital by Allentown EMS where she went through three hours of knee surgery.

Morby said she was crossing the street with her dinner. She was going back to her room in Benfer Hall. She saw a car that was far away and started walking.

According to Morby, "The driver didn't see me. She crashed into my left knee." Morby said the driver was going 35 miles per hour. The speed limit posted on Chew Street is 25 miles per hour.

The driver of the vehicle was a non-student. Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security, said he is not sure if the operator of the vehicle was cited.

Morby's knee is currently immobilized and in a brace, and she is walking with a cane. She said, "It was really, really scary. But I was really lucky."

Michelle Quirk '05 witnessed the incident. She said, "It was very traumatic for me to see the accident happen."

Quirk saw Morby crossing the street and then saw her get hit. She said, "I don't think the lady in the car saw her because it was dark."

Leigh Singer '05 was helping a friend who was having car trouble in the South and Robertson parking lot when Morby was hit. She said, "A car sharply stopped, and I heard a loud thump."

Lupole said pedestrians being struck by vehicles is an uncommon event at the College.

He said, "It hasn't happened in a very, very long time; probably close to 12 years."

The incident has caused many students to be concerned for their safety.

Rachel Silberman '05 said, "I've always been scared crossing Chew Street, but now I'm even more scared after hearing about what happened."

Jessica Walsh '05 thinks preventative action should be taken. She said, "In order to make things safer, maybe we need to put out the big yellow pedestrian crosswalk signs so drivers are more aware of pedestrians. If worse comes to worse, maybe we could put stop signs in front of some of the crosswalks on Chew Street."

Even though a pedestrian being hit by a car is rare, Lupole plans to take precautions for students.

Over Winter Break he plans to order a few signs that can be placed right in the crosswalk on the street.

. The signs, which are like

SEE **ACCIDENT** | PAGE 5

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

Pedestrian precaution necessary

WHENEVER A STUDENT IS HIT BY A CAR IT SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A serious incident that should command immediate attention. Following the recent accident on Chew Street involving a student being struck by the vehicle of a non-student, many should be wondering what exactly the College plans to do to eliminate another accident from occuring in the future.

The College is not entirely ignorant of the problem on Chew Street with speeding cars racing through campus. In fact, last year an attempt was made by Campus Safety in conjunction with Allentown Police Department to decrease speeding on Chew Street. For several months, speed monitors were placed on the side of the road to show drivers how fast they were driving on a street that has a 25 MPH limit. Despite the fact that the monitors were in place for several months last year, they are no longer on the side of Chew Street. Ken Lupole has indicated that he will be installing crosswalk signs on the side of Chew Street. This is a good start, but there is much more that can be done to further protect pedestrians while crossing the street.

It is not uncommon for white crosswalks to indicate pedestrian crossings. Has the College ever considered this option? Simply to have a strip of red bricks strewn across Chew Street is not a clear enough indication of a pedestrian crosswalk, especially at night, as was the case in the accident two weeks ago. Additionally, the College could pursue blinking lights on the side of Chew Street to indicate a cross walk to drivers at night.

The issue of student safety while crossing Chew Street can not fall entirely on the College, or drivers for that matter. Students should also take an active role in promoting their own safety. This involves paying careful attention to the traffic when crossing Chew Street. Students can not afford to assume that all cars will stop for them to cross. It is naive to believe that all drivers traveling down Chew Street are aware of students of the College crossing the street.

Pedestrians have just as much at stake in the problem as the College administration. If the problem is to be resolved, students and the administration must work together.

Keep dorms open

To the Editor:

Do we all agree that it's important for students to attend afternoon classes on the day before Thanksgiving and midterm breaks? If we do, then the college needs to keep the dorms open til early the following morning.

Last Wednesday was a rainy day with wet roads across the northeast. We all know that even in the mildest weather, highway drive-time traffic on the day before Thanksgiving is always daunting and often unusually hazardous.

Several consistently conscientious students mentioned traffic and weather when they informed me, very apologetically, that they'd have to miss Wednesday's class. In particular, one student in my 1:00 p.m. class assured me earlier in the week that she planned to attend class and drive home at 2:30 p.m.

Late Tuesday afternoon, though, she stopped by my office because she had to talk with me. The reason: when her parents heard the weather forecast, they phoned her repeatedly urging her to leave first thing Wednesday morning to beat the traffic on the Tappan Zee Bridge.

If I were her parents I would have done the same thing, since leaving campus at 2:30 p.m. would have put her on the bridge at 5:00 p.m. during the drive-time peak, optimistically or naively assuming no jams on I-287 through Morristown and Suffern. By contrast, leaving campus at 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning would have made for a safer and less stressful trip, the sort of drive that, as a parent, I'd much prefer to envision my kid making.

For more than a decade Muhlenberg has been successfully drawing students from an ever wider geographical area. Isn't it time for our residence regulations to acknowledge this development? Shouldn't our dorm policies complement rather than hinder classroom learning?

--James D. Bloom
Professor-Head
Director-American Studies, English

Letters to the Editor:

Is safe sex safer?

To the Editor:

I am writing regarding Ryan Kavalsky's November 18 article, entitled "Waiting saves the beauty of sex." First, I wanted to write to praise Ryan. His article is nothing short of gutsy. Though I disagree with the tone and the message of the letter, I am impressed with his decision to write it.

As we are all aware, college is considered a benchmark in a person's life and is often noted for the ease of sexual activity and experimentation. For someone to advocate an alternative view against what is obviously a popular past-time is impressive.

However, I do have a serious problem with one particular aspect of the article. According to Ryan, "condoms have a 15 percent failure rate in preventing pregnancy. Even birth control isn't perfect." Amy Cookson stated the same statistic in another article. Both are right: condom's aren't perfect. What concerned me, however, was whether or not that actual statistic was accurate.

According to plannedparenthood.com, yes, condoms have a 15 percent failure rate. However, what each article neglected to mention is that the 15 percent statistic applies only to couples who use condoms either inconsistently (as in only use condoms sometimes) or who use the condom improperly. These articles also failed to mention that for couples who use condoms consistently and properly (something that can be achieved by simply reading the instructions that come with condoms or by going on plannedparenthood.com), the failure rate is reduced to 2 percent.

Furthermore, use of spermicidal gel or birth control pills, in conjunction with condoms, can reduce the likelihood of pregnancy even further.

Sex is a serious issue, and the decision as to whether or not one should engage in it is even more serious. The general public has to know the facts: if one is going to engage in sexual activity, they had better do so properly or face the consequences.

On that note, I couldn't possibly agree with Ryan or Amy's articles more. It is our obligation as a society to talk about sex and the consequences and responsibilities that come with it. However, if we are going to engage in that discussion, we must be accurate with what we say. The issue is too serious to make mistakes.

--Mike Schlossberg
Class of '05

Bible is not anti-sex

To the Editor:

In the Nov. 18 edition of *The Weekly*, Christina Liciaga writes in her article "Putting Together Pound, Pippin and Sex," "...as far as sex is concerned, my Christian upbringing, which condemned sex as sin...previously forced me to fit sex into competing brackets of compromise and condemnation."

Wait a second. An implicit confusion on how a Christian should view sex is apparent in articles like Christina's. Ultimately, these preconceived notions and false assumptions do well in hindering discussions on sexual morality. I would argue, pointing to the Bible in the least preachy way that I can, that God truly does want the best for us and reserves sex between man and wife for this very reason.

The idea that a Christian should fear sex and approach it with self-chastising stoicism couldn't be further from the truth. The Christian needn't be ashamed of sex within marriage, only sex *outside* of marriage. If you look to the Bible, you'll see that God's rules regarding sexual behavior are neither arbitrary nor capricious. According to the Creation account in Genesis, God truly does love His creation, and has instituted the covenant of marriage as one of the chief ways to express that love.

Indeed, sex within marriage is a gift from God to us. It is a beautiful thing which I once heard described as a fire in a fireplace. In the fireplace, the fire is hot, bright, clean and beautiful to watch. But outside the fireplace, the fire can cause damage and become an ugly, destructive force. According to the Bible, God established the original layout for marriage to protect us, to safeguard us from the caustic flames of selfishness and lust that can cause serious burns. Times have changed, but this principle still holds true. Whether the repercussions are an untimely pregnancy or an STD, or even just a broken heart paired with mixed emotional baggage, the consequences of sexual sin are as real today as they were thousands of years ago.

We all are given free will in choosing how to live our lives, but at the same time I believe we all feel that soft pull from above, the tug on our hearts that urges us to live not for ourselves, but for God. I would encourage anyone who is looking

SEE **LETTERS** | PAGE 4

Discrimination on campus is not an act

Tiffany Kirk
Weekly Guest Columnist

An experienced Muhlenberg Dance major is denied any part in this semester's dance shows. A junior Dance major regrets her active involvement in Muhlenberg's student life. A rising sophomore Theatre major decides against pledging a sorority next fall because she wants the chance to land a role in a play.

Why would involvement in the Theatre or Dance departments cause students to shy away from being part of a Greek Organization or feel belittled when they do belong to one? On the Dance Department's audition information sheet, a question asks, "Do you belong to a Greek Organization on campus or are you thinking about pledging this semester?" while the Theatre Department extends the question to include all outside commitments. If the answer is yes the auditioner should expect to be watching dance performances and plays from the audience.

The existence of this question is utterly irrelevant to the capabilities of the dancer or actor; each student handles their commitments differently. A student's life outside of acting and dancing is just that: outside. If students felt incapable of taking on the responsibility of roles in a show or play, then they would not have auditioned. Instructors should base a student's capability of fitting the part by their performance alone. Whether they could commit to the work should not be a primary concern. The question of commitment should be addressed following the audition, not before.

A student's life outside of acting and dancing is just that: outside. If students felt incapable of taking on the responisbility of roles in a show or a play, then they would not have auditioned.

Handling a student's responsibilities is not a question of the load they put on themselves, but on their work ethic. Someone very actively involved in multiple outside commitments can very well have the same dedicated work ethic as someone with only one obligation.

It is unfair that a student who has been involved in numerous time-consuming activities, not including a Greek Organization, receives a role in a play while another student who was only involved in a sorority or fraternity was not cast.

For academic departments of a college, requiring a student to state their commitments before evaluating their audition is unjust and flirts closely with discrimination. The student is being punished for being diversely involved.

The Dance Department is specifically practicing segregation between sorority sisters and potential new members from the rest of the students auditioning. What is the difference between being a member of a sorority or fraternity compared to that of Student Council or Cardinal Key? In order for this pre-audition information sheet to be just, this section needs to be abolished or postponed until auditions have already occurred.

A Liberal Arts institution supposedly encourages students to experience a wide range of fields and activities. How can this occur if

SEE **DANCE** | PAGE 4

Semester in D.C. is recommended

Stacy Lipschutz
Weekly Guest Columnist

I have to chuckle when I try to convince myself that I am studying abroad. It is more appropriate to say that I am "studying away."

We have all been here on high school field trips and family vacations. We have all read about it in history books. We all know the important people in American history who have lived and governed from this city.

Now I want you all to know how spectacular this city really is. Experiencing Washington D.C., the District, as a college student, living the life of a "real person" without paying for rent or utilities, does not really seem possible. That is if the thought has even crossed your mind at all.

Where else can you pay your regular tuition bill, but...live in a penthouse apartment overlooking the Potomac river, the Kennedy Center and...the Washington Monument?

The Lutheran College Washington Semester is unlike any abroad program offered by the College. Where else can you pay your regular tuition bill, but instead of living in a dorm, live in a penthouse apartment overlooking the Potomac River, the Kennedy Center and out in the distance, the Washington Monument?

As a Junior Political Science major and Jewish Studies minor, this is my push for those of you thinking about studying abroad. With the recent election and all of the social, fiscal and international challenges facing our nation in the coming weeks and months, I can not think of a better way to get up close to the action.

People in the program are interning at the Holocaust Museum, for United States Senators, at Smithsonian museums and in many other fields. Tack on a couple of night classes a week and you have a complete four-credit semester away in the District.

I have spent every weekend exploring the District; visiting the monuments at night, making my way through museums and, of course, spending time at the White House and in the Capitol.

In fact, through my internship at the U. S. Attorney's Office, I have even been able to go up in a military helicopter to take crime scene photos of the city.

Being up in a helicopter overlooking Washington was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I have also had the opportunity to go to protests and eat lunch with the United States attorney. But most importantly I have met numerous contacts and prominent figures.

Growing up and going to college in Allentown, Pa. speaks for itself. Although it has been fun, this semester has turned me into a "city girl." I take the Metro everywhere. In fact, within an hour I can get to anything of interest in the D.C. Metro Area.

The greatest experience of all has been working 9-5 and learning what it takes to be in the "real world." I am responsible for my own cooking (there is no meal plan), cleaning and keeping my life in order.

Not to say that early mornings aren't hard, but the excitement that my internship brings supercedes any notion of staying in bed.

Who knows what each day will bring, whether it be helicopter rides, private tours of the Capitol, playing detective on a case or gaining greater insight into the rumor that "Big Brother" really is watching.

This semester has been an amazing experience thus far. I hope other students are as fortunate as I have been in their study abroad experiences.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Managing Editor
Ben Veghte, Asst. Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
OPEN, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
Julie Strasser, Focus Editor
Rob Kandel, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Business Manager
Michelle Quirk, Asst. News Editor
Kate Arney-Cimino, Amy Cookson, Max Lux, Asst. OP/ED Editors
Jackie Starner, Asst. Life! Editor
Robin DeCicco, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Johnny Canneto, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Sveta Shah, Chrissy Culotta, Copy Editors
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2004. All rights reserved.

Bow your heads and give thanks

Jason Klein
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Thanksgiving with the Klein family is always an adventure, as I'm sure it is with every other family known to man. Thanksgiving is the only holiday when one of the vital preparations is violating a turkey with fistfuls of stuffing.

At my house, besides my sisters and I getting yelled at by my mother, we continue one other tradition every Thanksgiving; we go around the table and say what we are most thankful for.

I am sure that there are some other families that do the same thing. Only in my family, however, will my grandfather ruin it for everyone by thanking "Viagra." I respect my grandfather for his honesty, and it got me thinking: what am I honestly thankful for?

> *Besides my sisters and I getting yelled at by my mother, we continue one other tradition every Thanksgiving; we go around the table and say what we are most thankful for.*

I am thankful for professors who do not make attendance mandatory. These professors realize that we are no longer in high school, and if we fail to show up to class, it will be our test grades that suffer.

I am thankful also for those professors who believe in papers and take-home examinations instead of tests. Most of the information that we are forced to memorize for an exam is information that we will never need again, and yet some professors feel that this transformation is the most important we will ever learn.

Take-home tests and papers test understanding of a subject and the ability of a student to apply it, without the stress of an examination and the pointless memorizing of useless trivia that is not even on Jeopardy.

I am thankful for Instant Messenger. Without this amazing application I do not know what I would do with my life. There is no better way to procrastinate than to check away messages over and over again.

Without Instant Messenger how else would we be able to "stalk" our old high school acquaintances that we haven't spoken to "in forever", but keep on our Buddy Lists "just in case."

Speaking of stalking, I am thankful for "The Facebook," which takes the art of stalking to whole new levels.

I am an honest person, I know that I only have about four friends (on a good day), but according to Facebook, I have over one hundred! I have people from high school I did not even talk to back then listed as my friends!

I am thankful for Thanksgiving break. I love being home (free laundry and home cooked food). I am thankful that fall semester is almost over.

As a senior, looking back now is weird. Has it really been three and a half years? Sometimes, one prefers not to look back. If we live in the present, we avoid the future.

But as the semester winds down, and each day brings me another day closer to graduation I must admit I am thankful for every second that I have spent here at Muhlenberg College.

I know we all complain a great deal about this "bubble" we live in, but this just might be the last opportunity for some of us to be in a bubble, and that's a scary thought.

Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors: trust me, the time flies and these are the years that you will always remember. It is truly important that you cherish them, and be thankful.

LETTERS | FROM PAGE 2

for fleeting fulfillment through sex to instead seek after the One who freely provides real satisfaction—the living water that Jesus describes to the woman at the well in John 4:1-26. The Bible promises that this water, not the muddied pool of sexual immorality, will truly fulfill us.

Remember, God does not condemn sexuality in itself as sin, but sexuality that perverts itself outside its intended context. In fact, according to Genesis 1:28, Proverbs 5:18-19 and 1 Corinthians 7:3-4, He truly wants us to enjoy sex.

Don't let this come as shock to you, either. After all, He's the inventor of sex, right? To Him there is no shame in a couple enjoying sex in its designed framework of marriage.

--Jeremy Hagan
Class of '07

DANCE | FROM PAGE 3

Departments force students to choose their involvement to ensure, or limit, the chance to advance in their artistic pursuits?

Belonging to a Greek Organization is something to be proud of and treasure. Just as any other organization on campus, sororities and fraternities require commitment, yet they understand when conflicts arise and not only allow, but support active participation in student activities on campus.

"It's hard for me to understand why any department or extracurricular club would discourage their members from being part of a leadership organization," said Vice President of Delta Zeta, Christa Carlstrand '05, "We never discourage our girls from dancing or acting. Why would they discourage anyone from joining a sorority?"

Students' privacy put at risk

Amy Cookson
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Should the government know where you have attended college, how long you were there and whether or not you obtained your degree?

According to Monday's issue of the *New York Times*, the federal government has proposed the creation of a new database which would contain enrollment records on all college and university students. The National Center for Education Statistics at the Department of Education would be responsible for the data.

Currently the government keeps records only on students who receive federal aid, such as the Pell grant. Under the new proposal, colleges and universities would be required to provide information on each student individually. Students would be tracked by their social security number.

Opponents of the proposal say the new database will aid the government in creating the same levels of accountability in colleges and universities as those that are currently guiding elementary and secondary schools.

Additionally, by tracking a student's college career as an individual, the government will be able to track deviations from the perceived college norm: four years spent at one university earning one's degree.

More students now attend multiple universities, take time off from their studies and/or take longer to obtain a degree than four years. The new system will be capable of tracking these deviations: currently a student who transfers from one school to another is read as a new student.

However, opponents find the new proposal another example of the growing role of "Big Brother" in our country. Jasmine L. Harris, legislative director at the United States Student Association, says there are no safeguards for privacy in the proposal and the database could be misused, as the National Directory of New Hires has been. The NDNH was created to track job trends but has been used to track people who owe non-tax debt or child support. Sarah Flanagan, vice president for government relations at the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, told the *Times* "The concept that you enter a federal registry by the act of enrolling in a college in this country is frightening."

This proposal is something that all students should monitor before the database becomes a reality. We must ensure the safety of student privacy.

Business Internship Opportunity

Student development company *COLLEGE PRO* is seeking individuals with *leadership* abilities to run their own franchise!

Contact Jeremy Morgan (610) 524-5421
jmorgan@collegepro.com

STSTRAVEL.COM
Join America's #1 Student Tour Operator
CANCUN
ACAPULCO
JAMAICA
BAHAMAS
FLORIDA
Sell Trips, Earn Cash, Go Free!
Now Hiring On-campus Reps
Call for group discounts
STS STUDENT TRAVEL SERVICES
1-800-648-4849 / www.ststravel.com

SPRING BREAK 2005

Do you know who put
the bop in the
bop-shoo-bop-shoo-bop ?
Write for Op/Ed!
Contact Kate Arney-Cimino
x5563
katearneycimino@hotmail.com

Victor's Lament: Art piece with a history

By Jeremy Duncan
Weekly News Writer

Victor's Lament, the large red piece of art that stands on the College's front lawn, has caused confusion among students, faculty and visitors alike.

Some students only marvel about the mammoth structure. Matt Lundy '05 said, "It's abstract art to the extreme. I'll never understand it."

Others view it in disgust, like Meredith Collins '08 who asked, "It's so ugly... why is it there?"

"[Victor's Lament is] abstract art to the extreme. I'll never understand it."

Matt Lundy '05

Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations, provided some information about the sculpture.

American artist Mark di Suvero created it from 1969 to 1970 in Pasadena, California.

It is 28 feet tall and composed of I-beams that have been cut, welded, painted and cabled.

It was placed in Astoria Park, New York City, in 1975, but was soon returned to California.

In 1976, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and Philip and Muriel Berman split the $63,500 cost to buy Victor's Lament, which was the culmination of the selection committee, created by the College, to find an appropriate structure for campus.

Then, on April 27, 1979, it was dedicated on the front lawn.

The dedication ceremony program of the College, courtesy of Kathy Burke at the Martin Art Gallery, compares the sculpture to Michelangelo's David.

The piece is one in a series of di Suvero's sculptural protests against the Vietnam War.

The artist felt so strongly about protesting the war that he moved from the United States to France in the early 1970s.

Originally, the structure was black, but former President Arthur Taylor and di Suvero agreed, in 1996, that it needed protection from rust.

They therefore, decided to paint Victor's Lament with a special anti-oxidizing red color.

Di Suvero was born in 1933 in Shanghai, China. He is regarded as a pioneer in the art of "Assemblage."

Di Suvero has been compared in importance and ingenuity to Jackson Pollock. Pollock was an American painter and leader of the abstract expressionist movement.

A major component of the abstract expressionist movement is the rejection of the traditional artistic styles.

There are currently no plans to move the sculpture.

The weather of the Lehigh Valley has worn the sculpture, though, and it is in need of a new coat of paint on a regular basis of about every five years.

The name, itself, remains a mystery, and has inspired several songwriters, such as Philip Glass, to use it as a title. The sculpture is valued at several million dollars.

Victor's Lament has stood on the College's front lawn since 1979.

Photo By Rob Kandel

PRESIDENT

FROM PAGE 1

Fordham University.

According to Steffy, "He had unbounded enthusiasm and energy. He was interested in everything that went on at the College from football to honor societies."

Steffy worked with Messerli to develop the Strategic Plan for the College during his presidency.

"He had unbounded enthusiasm and energy. He was interested in everything that went on at the College from football to honor societies."

James Steffy,
Planning Consultant

Steffy was also involved in planning the building projects and renovations during that time.

Messerli retired to a farm near Kutztown after leaving the College. According to Steffy, Messerli was a carpenter and stone mason. He remodeled the farm he retired to and had remodeled other buildings several times during his career.

Steffy stayed in touch with Messerli and said he had been back to the College especially in the past several years.

Randy Helm, President of the College, was introduced to Messerli by Steffy.

Helm said, "I found him so easy to talk to and so wise and witty."

Messerli and Helm met together several times for meals. Helm said one of the most memorable times with Messerli was a luncheon for Emeritus faculty. According to Helm, "They were just so delighted to see him."

Messerli talked to Helm about the history of Trexler Library. Helm said Messerli was very willing to get involved and be engaged in the College.

Helm said, "I think everyone would acknowledge that he was a great president."

According to Helm, Messerli was not ill prior to his death. He said, "He was hearty and in great spirits. He lived life to the fullest until the moment God took him."

Helm admires the work Messerli did at the College, especially in the area of improving academic quality.

Helm also remembers Messerli delivering pumpkins to his friends during the fall.

He said, "I'll miss him. He was a good man."

ACCIDENT

FROM PAGE 1

the ones Sacred Heart Hospital uses, will let drivers know that they are approaching a crosswalk and must look for pedestrians before proceeding.

Lupole said he needs to speak with security at Sacred Heart Hospital to see what procedures they have in place for the winter when snowfalls occur.

Morby believes putting signs in the crosswalk is a very good idea. She said, "It's important that something gets done. I don't want anyone else to have to go through this."

Pennsylvania law states that vehicles must always stop for pedestrians who are crossing the street in a marked crosswalk.

Many students can attest, however, that they have had to wait for several cars to pass before being able to cross Chew Street.

Quirk said, "Hopefully we can all learn from it so that something similar does not happen in the future. Now I'm much more careful about crossing. I usually look both ways at least three times and then go."

WANT TO WRITE FOR
THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY
NEWS SECTION THIS SEMESTER?

CALL MICHELLE AT EXT. 4464
OR LAURA AT EXT. 4865

Myths of the medical field put to rest at conference

By Christina Liciaga
Weekly News Writer

The College's Pre-Health department hosted an all day conference entitled "Choosing Medicine: The Myths and the Realities of a Career in Medicine."

The Conference, held Nov. 20 and organized by Lori Provost, Health Professions Advisor, was intended to help students interested in a career in medicine to make an informed choice.

Provost said the conference was designed to, "put to rest the common myths concerning a medical career."

Some of these myths include those of the necessity of being a science major or being at a disadvantage if one is not a traditional applicant.

The day consisted of a keynote speaker, a series of three panels and a dinner.

The first panel hosted three primary physicians from Pennsylvania practices discussing the daily life of a medical practioner.

The second panel discussed becoming a physician and questions about medical school and residency, and the final panel addressed admission into medical school.

The event hosted 78 students as well as 10 alumni from different medical schools and practices, and four administrative directors or deans from four different medical institutions.

Students were required to pay a $20 registration fee which was used to cover meals and speaker expenses.

The keynote speaker, Laurence A. Savett, M.D., who completed his undergraduate degree at Hamilton College, encourages students with medicine ambitions to value the liberal arts education as a "whole experience" which offers "many seeds of insight" for one's ultimate practice.

Savett completed his medical degree at the University of Rochester and practiced medicine for thirty years before teaching about the psychological and social dimensions of medicine at Macalaster College and the University of St. Thomas.

He is the author of *The Human Side of Medicine: Learning What It's Like to be a Patient and What It's Like to be a Physician.*

In his book and at the conference, Savett encourages students to date the medical profession and examine their personal values before pursuing medicine.

He also emphasized the importance of connecting with pre-health advisors in order to make an informed choice of a career.

"He was my best cheerleader," Provost reflected gratefully, after detailing that almost 80 percent of the 300 enrolled pre-health students are inactive and therefore unlikely to step in her office more than once.

Inactivity is not only a reflection of laziness, however, as several Muhlenberg students lose interest in medicine between freshman year, when the number of enrolled students is around 100 strong, and application time, when that number dwindles to about 25.

Reasons for not applying to medical school vary from not being able to meet GPA standards to reevaluation of one's lifestyle or debt considerations.

The second panel discussion at the conference, which consisted of Muhlenberg alum currently enrolled in medical school, addressed these more practical considerations of choosing a medical career.

The panel hosted seven alumni at different stages in their medical career, including those who were pursuing an MD/PhD program and a research scholar, as well as students from both allopathic and osteopathic medical schools.

Provost purposefully kept a young alum grouping in order to allow students a close age association with panelists.

This was further fueled by a round table interface which allowed students to ask alumni different questions about courses, study abroad and planning for medical school.

Although Provost counts the alumni panel as her favorite part of the day, saying "it was truly inspiring," and that it was "the format of the day that was really powerful."

According to student evaluations collected at the close of the conference, the day was a success, with the only consistent suggestion being a request for a more varied physician panel in demographics and practice.

Council Corner

*** Allocations:**
- $780.00 was allocated to the Business and Economics club for the UN trip.

*** Committees:**
- Academics
    - Solutions for the high price in textbooks were discussed.
- Dining
    - A resolution passed concerning meal plans and food service.
- Athletics
    - Lou Gehrig's disease donation boxes are posted.
- Campus Safety
    - The Campus Watch is in its final stages.
- Technology
    - They are working with OIT to implement a new email address for the underclassman.

***Classes:**
- The Senior class reported that they are finalizing the senior auction and handing items out.
- The Junior class reported that the Doc Martens sale Dec. 8 and the Old Dirty T-shirt sale will be held Dec. 9.
- The Sophomore class reported that the sweatshirt and hat sale deadline has been extended.
- The Freshmen class reported that they are planning the freshman formal for Dec. 3.

***Announcements:**
- Glass Slipper Project is set for Dec. 4.
- Saturday is a canned food drive all day.

--Compiled by Jeffrey Kraft
Class of 2005 Student Body Representative

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Sunny	Scattered Showers	Mostly Sunny
High: 46 Low: 25	High: 44 Low: 31	High: 51 Low: 31

OFF CAMPUS

MAN INVOLVED IN PIZZA SHOP SHOOTING SENTENCED TO JAIL

Allentown, Pa – Nicholas Rosa, Jr., a 29-year-old man who lived in Allentown and Emmaus, was sentenced Monday to one to six years in state prison. Rosa was convicted of having an unlicensed gun and fleeing the scene of a crime.

Because the jury was not convinced that Rosa fired the shots, he was not convicted on any more charges.

Rosa was in the car with co-defendant Carlos Mendoza, 26, from the Bronx, N.Y.

The prosecution in the case said Rosa was the person who fired four shots from the car outside Woody's Pizza on Hanover Ave. on April 10, 2003.

Officer David Bachert was at the scene when shots were fired. He said the driver of a green Mazda was the shooter.

A chase ensued after the car fled the scene. The car went through a fence and backyard and finally stopped on Hamilton Blvd. in South Whitehall Township.

When police apprehended the suspects, Mendoza said Rosa fired the shots. Rosa was also found in the driver's seat of the vehicle. The jury, however, was not convinced.

RAIN CAUSES MORE FLOODING IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Lehigh Valley, Pa – Almost three inches of rain fell last weekend with winds reaching up to 45 miles per hour. The bad weather closed roads and cut off electricity.

There was some good news, though. The temperatures were warm enough that all that fell from the sky was rain. If temperatures had dipped below freezing, the Valley would have been hit with a very significant snowfall.

According to Al Cope, meteorologist for the National Weather Service, if it had been colder the Valley would have seen a couple of feet of snow.

There was some worry in Allentown that the Lights in the Parkway would have to be cancelled because the Little Lehigh flooded nearby, but inspectors determined the display was safe because the lights were not near the water.

Many were concerned because of the effects from flooding caused by Hurricane Ivan, but the problems were limited to a few closed roads and short-term power outages.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

Computer viruses plague student computers

By Michelle Sartor
NEWS EDITOR

Computers have become an integral part of college students' education whether they are writing papers, conducting internet research or emailing professors with questions.

> *"The College has purchased software that will block a high percentage of e-mail-borne viruses starting in the spring semester."*
>
> Harold Miller,
> Director of Information Technology

Computer viruses can impede upon students' learning experiences, cost them money and cause unnecessary aggravation.

Harold Miller, Director of Information Technology, said, "Viruses in computers are very similar to viruses in people." He said just as people get vaccinated, computers need anti-virus software to prevent infection.

Miller said most student computers that get viruses do not have anti-virus software or do not have the most recent updates. He does not understand why students neglect this, saying, "The software is free, automatic and easy to use."

As proof that anti-virus software works, Miller said of the approximately 1,000 college-owned computers, less than one percent get viruses.

He said they use the same network and resources that students use. The only difference is that all college-owned computers run updated versions of anti-virus software.

Miller emphasized that students need to maintain their anti-virus software with constant updates. He said students can set up their computers so that the updates are done automatically.

Running Windows updates is also an important way students can prevent viruses from attacking their computers.

One common way viruses are spread is through email. Students may notice that suspicious emails have been arriving in their inboxes but from familiar senders.

Miller explained that many viruses spread through email by using valid account names, creating fake messages and sending them to valid email addresses.

He said oftentimes the "senders" of these viruses are not involved in the process and know nothing about the messages being sent with their email addresses.

According to Miller, "The College has purchased software that will block a high percentage of email-borne viruses starting in the spring semester." He said the software is being tested and will continue to be until the beginning of next semester.

Miller said, however, that this new software does not replace the need for students to have and maintain anti-virus software. He said, "Hackers have been very busy. They're getting much more insidious."

Students can learn more about the virus threats to their computers on ResNet. This resource page is located on the Muhlenberg Message Board page.

Students can click on the ResNet link to see the latest virus threats. ResNet currently displays the following viruses: Sober.j@MM, Mydoom.AJ@mm, Mydoom.ah@MM and Bagle.bd@MM.

In addition to learning about possible viruses on ResNet, students can download virus protection software for their computers.

Students sometimes have problems accessing AOL Instant Messenger or AIM. Bob Mahar, Network Manager of Information Technology, said that when AOL sees a large number of people signed online from the same location they think it is an attack on the system and therefore will deny access.

He said this problem usually occurs once a year and that AOL fixes it after talking with someone from Information Technology.

Miller believes the virus problem on campus is more a communication and personal responsibility issue than a technical issue.

He said the only way networks will continue to be viable will be the implementation of a set of rules.

Any student not in compliance with the rules would be denied access to the network.

Miller said that although this would be a forced process in contrast to the College's current voluntary maintenance policy, it may become necessary to protect everyone using the network.

The Student Help Desk has no appointments available until Dec. 8. Many of the computers taken there are found to be infected with viruses.

Miller said, "As each semester goes by, computers become a more essential part of learning. They need to be treated more responsibly and as a tool of learning."

Mahar agreed, saying that not having virus protection can affect everyone on the network. He said some poorly maintained computers have been linked to serious problems on campus.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE
SPRING 2005 EDITORIAL BOARD

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE ALL OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS:

Editor-in-Chief *
Executive Editor *
Managing Editor *
News Editor
OP/ED Editor
Life! Editor
Sports Editor
Focus Editor
Photography Editor
Business Mgr.
Asst. News Editor
Asst. OP/ED Editor
Asst. Life! Editor
Asst. Sports Editor
Asst. Focus Editor
Asst. Business Mgr.
Writer Manager
Copy Editor
Online Editor
Subscriptions Mgr.

Note: the asterisk denotes Executive Board member

You can pick up applications at the Info Desk in Seegers Union or by emailing the address below.
Return your completed application to Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief,
Campus Box 0106 by **Thursday, December 9, 2004.**
You will be contacted to confirm an interview time when your application is received.
For job descriptions or any other questions, please contact
Lauren at weekly@muhlenberg.edu

CRIME

FROM PAGE 1

has been an unprecedented amount of students robbed this semester; Lupole emphasized that these activities are not directly targeted at students of the College.

"Everyone thinks it's geared towards the campus, and it's not," stated Lupole. "They could be patrolling the whole city. All they are looking for is a victim."

Lupole described the robberies as products of opportunity. He stated that "if the opportunity presents itself, they (robbers) are going to take advantage of that."

In order to limit this opportunity, it is important for students to take an active role in working together as a Community in resolving the problem. "We all need to work together," he stated.

Lupole has asked for students to call Campus Safety anytime that they see a suspicious person or car. "The quicker we get a call, the quicker we can respond," he stated.

Randy Helm, President of the College, also emphasized the importance of students calling in to Campus Safety whenever they see something suspicious looking. "Do it quickly; do it immediately," Helm said. "Students need to be very alert and responsive."

Campus Safety has also pledged to keep up their part of the bargain in working together as a Community. As of now, Campus Safety has made a number of shift changes to deal with the problem.

According to Lupole, "We have twice as many patrols out there than in the past."

"We're gonna be out there," he said. "Out there extra to get these guys, but we need to work together."

Despite his optimism of catching the robbers, Lupole mentioned that catching these individuals is not necessarily gonna bring an end to robberies all together around campus. Lupole stated, "Even if it does stop, students need to be aware that these type of things could happen."

Neither Helm nor Lupole could confirm if additional Campus Safety officers would be hired in the future to help deal with the problem. Helm did state, however, that the best option would be to hire trained individuals to come in and help. "It could take months to train new people. We need to hire trained people who are ready to go."

These robberies have caught the attention of students as well as parents. In order to diffuse the fears of parents, Helm is discussing with them the situation and the available options to alleviate their concerns.

"Parents are worried," Helm said. "Parents don't need to be alarmed. Parents need to tell their children to be careful, prudent and vigilant." Helm spoke with parents at length on the subject during Family Weekend.

Additionally, Helm has indicated that he will be writing a mid-year letter to parents addressing the issue, similar to the one he wrote last year.

Helm doesn't see these recent events affecting the reputation of the College in any way. "The positives here far outweigh the negatives," he stated.

Helm said that the College is "very safe compared to other places. These things happen everywhere, some more shocking than others."

Helm has indicated that this is a problem that the College is very aware of and interested in eliminating.

He said, "We take this seriously because we want our students to feel safe and secure." Helm stated that his advice to students is to "lock your doors, use escort services and report suspicious suspects immediately."

> *"Everyone thinks it's geared towards the campus, and it's not. [Robbers] could be patrolling the whole city. All they are looking for is a victim."*
>
> Ken Lupole,
> Director of Campus Safety

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 15 – Injured Student – A student in Prosser Hall who felt dizzy and lightheaded was transported to St. Luke's Hospital by MCEMS.

Nov. 15 – Hit and Run – A student vehicle was struck on Chew St. by a non-student vehicle that left the scene.

Nov. 17 – Burglary – Residents of 2141 Chew St. reported theft of an IBM Thinkpad laptop computer, wallets, a Playstation 2 and two games, a cell phone and a watch. Entry was gained through the basement door. No description of the suspect is available.

Nov. 17 – Sick Student – A student passed out in the chapel but refused transport to the hospital.

Nov. 18 – Institutional Vandalism – Glass from a smashed fire extinguisher cabinet was found in Walz Hall.

Nov. 18 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – One student in the quad area of Prosser Hall was referred to the judicial process.

Nov. 18 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Marijuana – Two students in Prosser Hall were referred to the judicial process.

Nov. 18 – Injured Employee – An employee who had pain and tingling in the right shoulder was transported to Health Works by MCEMS.

Nov. 18 – Injured Student – A student was struck by vehicle on Chew St. The driver was a non-student. The student was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital by Allentown EMS.

Nov. 18 – Suspicious Person – At Chew and 23rd St. there was a white van with a black male driver acting suspicious. Campus Safety stopped the vehicle, did a records check and got information from the driver. The driver was let go.

Nov. 18 – Injured Student – A student in Seegers Union fell down the steps and received a laceration on the forehead. Allentown EMS transported the student to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Nov. 19 – Suspicious Activity – A vehicle containing three black males pulled alongside women walking on Chew St. They asked, "Where's the party? Can we go with you?" Campus Safety has a possible license plate number and is working with the city on the case.

Nov. 20 – Gambling – Two students were found in the second floor study lounge of Prosser Hall playing cards with poker chips and cash. They were given a warning.

Nov. 20 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Amanda Klein '08 was criminally charged after being intoxicated in the annex basement of Prosser Hall. She was transported to a local hospital by Allentown EMS.

Nov. 21 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – One student in Prosser Hall was transported to St. Luke's Hospital by MCEMS and has been referred to the judicial process.

Nov. 21 – Armed Robbery – A female student was robbed at gunpoint at the 2200 block of Gordon St. The suspect approached the student, showed a handgun and demanded her purse. The suspect is a Hispanic male, approximately 5'10" and 180 pounds with dark, short, slicked back hair and a few days' growth of a beard. He was wearing a black leather jacket, dark pants and Reebok sneakers. He fled on foot. The weapon was a small frame handgun. Campus Safety is working with APD on the case.

Nov. 21 – Fire/Safety Violation – A Campus Safety officer noticed a plastic bag covering a smoke detector at 2202 Gordon St. The students will receive a fine.

Nov. 21 – Institutional Vandalism – The Simplex card reader was ripped off the building by the north door of Martin Luther Hall.

Nov. 22 – Suspicious Activity – A student thought someone was trying to break into the Tau Kappa Epsilon house. Campus Safety found three students and one non-student on the roof of the building. Christopher Garland '08 was arrested for possession of marijuana and Randy Reina, the non-student, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol. The other two students were referred to the judicial process.

Nov. 22 – Sick Student – A student in Prosser Hall who was experiencing shortness of breath was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital by MCEMS.

Nov. 22 – Vandalism to Vehicle – Four vehicles by the Tremont Apartments had their rear driver side windows shot out with possibly a pellet gun. APD said there have been several other similar reports.

Nov. 24 – Suspicious Person – A female student reported that a dark colored 4x4 with tinted windows all around followed her approximately a block to her apartment on the 2200 block of Liberty St.

Nov. 24 – Suspicious Vehicle – An officer on patrol noticed a black Chevy sedan acting suspiciously. He called for other units and APD and started following the vehicle. APD stopped the vehicle at Tilghman and 22nd St. They found the driver of the vehicle was on parole for armed robbery. Because he had an expired license, his car was towed and searched. The search uncovered a loaded black BB gun pistol, a box half filled with BBs and a cigar container with marijuana seeds in it. The driver, Michael Santos of Washington St. in Allentown was arrested. The passenger, John Dreher of N. 9th St. in Allentown was also arrested for marijuana.

Nov. 29 – Fight – Two female students were found fighting both inside and outside Trexler Library. One was punched in the face during the fight. Both will be referred to the judicial process.

"To life! To life! L'chai-im!"

-Fiddler on the Roof

Dancing the nights away--student style

Student choreographed dance show showcases student talent

By Jenna Fletcher
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Emily Stolarick '05 dances in a modern piece, "In the Essense of Time One Needs Stellar Attention," which was choreographed by Lisa Marten '05.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

The Student Choreographed Dance Concert hosted a showcase of talented Muhlenberg students. Held Nov. 18 – 20, it was performed on the Baker Stage in Trexler Pavilion. Aside from performing as the dancers onstage, students were also the driving creative force for this show. Each piece was choreographed this past semester by a Dance major student of the College.

The concert opened with a modern piece by Kerin Nodler '05, entitled "Make Your Own Damn Dinner!" Following this piece was the only tap piece of the evening.

"The Three Fates," choreographed by Ashleigh Edwards '06, had an introspective, lyrical quality uncommon to tap. "Simple Observations You May Have Missed by Never Asking," choreographed by Emily Stolarick '05, was next.

The fourth piece in the concert was a solo choreographed and performed by Suzanne Chi '05. The piece, "Negotiations," featured the dancer struggling to reach a goal against a thick leather rope. As Chi danced with the rope, the haunting opera music combined with the compelling picture Chi created onstage drew the audience into the world of her struggle.

Following "Negotiations," the concert took a hip-hop based tone with "Without" by Frank Grande-Marchione '05. This piece had an intense fiery energy that was contrasted with a more mellow energy in Lisa Marten '05's "In the Essence of Time, One Needs Stellar Attention." The retro music and costumes heralded the days of Doris Day and perfectly put together, but often overlooked, housewives.

The second half of the program opened with Kimberly Schmidt '05 "Sole," a modern piece that echoed a tribal essence.

Following this was "For the Pursuit" by Jess Warchal '05. "For the Pursuit" featured the dancers exploring two ladders laid down on their sides on the stage. Watching the dancers negotiate the ladders proved fascinating, especially the moment when one dancer was in a backbend on the legs of the ladder.

After this came "Repositionable Adhesive" choreographed Kristyn Brady '05. This whimsical piece featured three dancers and yellow Post-Its. The Post-Its were an object of curiosity for one dancer and became costume pieces for the other two dancers.

The next piece, "Someone's Been in my Cubicle" by Yara Jahrling '05, echoed the humor of "Repositionable Adhesive." The set was composed of chairs on their sides serving as cubicle walls. The dancers all seemed to be employees in the office, except for one who tried to blend in by echoing the dancers' movements. But she couldn't blend in, much to the delight of the audience.

The concert closed with "Bloomingdales After Hours" by Erin Cairns '06. This aptly named piece evoked images of swanky New York women strutting down Fifth Avenue.

All in all, the concert was a success. "It shows off our best work," says President of the Muhlenberg Dance Association, Kristyn Brady '05. "I thought it went really well. The pieces were really strong and had a unified energy level."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS THE SECOND AMENDMENT?

"Right to bear arms."

-Ryan Campbell '08

"Is that the gun one?"

-Laura Vialotta '08

"Well, first amendment's freedom of speech and second is...ummm...shut up."

-Amy Steinbauer '06

"Right to bear arms. I'm glad I got that, considering I'm in gov."

-Jan Mitchell '08

"Thou shalt not lie. Oh wait, that's a commandment."

-Tracey Dunn '08

How I Learned to Drive:

Driving home messages about abuse

By Jackie Starner
Asst. Life! Editor

The blackbox production *How I Learned to Drive* is shockingly not about a girl's experiences with the open road. The play does involve the main character Lil' Bit (Leah Goldstein '05) being taught to drive by her Uncle Peck (Tim Gross '05), but driving serves as a metaphor for the other life lessons that Peck teaches her.

As Lil' Bit's relationship with her Uncle is unraveled, the audience learns that Peck is molesting her. However, Peck is "impossible to simply dismiss as a monster," said director Jennifer Taylor '05. The play not only explores Lil' Bit's abuse but the reasons behind Peck's actions. As Peck's wife tells the audience, her husband is still deeply affected by his service in WWII, and he fights against the urges he has for his niece everyday.

The play is not in chronological order. It is presented as flashbacks interspersed with Lil' Bits' commentary from the present day. At the beginning of the play, Lil' Bit brings the audience back to a night when she is seventeen and parked in a secluded lot with her Uncle. The sexual actions of the characters seem strange in this scene because Lil' Bit and Peck do not actually touch or face each other. Instead, they speak directly to the audience and mime their touching of each other on the air in front of them. Taylor stated that the play was written this way so that the audience could be introduced to the characters. If Lil' Bit and Peck were facing each other, then the audience would not get to meet each of them individually.

In the next scene, which also takes place when Lil' Bit is seventeen, the audience is introduced to her dysfunctional family.

Lil' Bit desperately wants to break free of her family of "crackers" by attending a "fancy school," but Lil' Bit's grandfather is old-fashioned and doesn't see why a woman needs to get an education. In his world, women are only good for reproduction.

The Greek chorus, played by Kaitlyn Huczko '06, Kieran Maroney '06 and Amy Coughlin '08, serve as Lil' Bit's family in this scene and then shift roles throughout the play. Taylor says that the members of the Greek chorus shift roles because their purpose is to help Lil' Bit tell her story by becoming whatever characters she needs them to be.

All of the actors in this play were exceptional. Goldstein has the stature of a young girl and played a convincing eleven and thirteen year old. However, when she presented the flashbacks she seemed to be a much older woman because of the wis-

SEE DRIVE | PAGE 11

Leah Goldstein '05, as Lil' Bit, "drives" as Uncle Peck (Tim Gross '05) watches.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNER

What it really means to come home

The home stretch: in the family room and the bedroom

By Christina Liciaga
Weekly Life! Writer

IN THE *NUDE*

In light of the Thanksgiving holiday that just passed and the student scramble to get home (and back to school), I thought it appropriate to discuss what it means to come home. In my experience, coming home means home cooked food, free laundry and full days of watching cartoons or *Boy-Meets-World* marathons.

However, home, especially during the holidays, is also reminiscent of an Inquisition. Interrogative questions are fired--amidst wet kisses from aunts and grandmothers who wear too much makeup--about school, friendships, dorm survival and inevitably, your love life.

I previously avoided this conversation like the plague, knowing full well that once a name is spoken it is never forgotten. Then you're forced to contend both with the difficulty of sorting out your own complicated romantic decisions, AND explaining it to your entire family the next time you're sitting around a table with mounds of food.

After talking to some other Muhlenberg students, I discovered that I wasn't the only one avoiding bringing someone home, either physically or allusively. In fact, most of the women I spoke with said they wouldn't bring a guy home unless he had the possibility of being a life-long partner, and most of the men I spoke with had never brought a girl home at all, or had brought her home, but introduced her ambiguously as a "friend." This friend status remains until, of course, that same "friend" showed up at a New Year's Eve family gathering or mom's 50th birthday bash, when their public relationship would be advanced to dating.

It's interesting that despite our age group's plagued promiscuity, we're so selective with people we bring home.

So the question became, what does it mean to bring a girl/guy home? For my best friend recently engaged, going home with her fiancé meant validating herself as a woman worthy of monogamy and marriage, and unavoidably it meant a mother and future-daughter-in-law confrontation.

For my second best friend (I have three), it meant admitting to her mother that casual sex on the first date can be okay while trying to introduce to her the dating tendencies of our generation.

For a junior politics-major, it means bringing a potential wife into the family network, and contrastingly for a senior biology

SEE HOME | PAGE 11

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

After Sunset
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

The Grudge
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Incredibles
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 3:45, 4:20, 7:20

Polar Express
Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:40

Saw
Fri. 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 8:00

National Treasure
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

The Spongebob Squarepants Movie
Fri. 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 2:15, 4:40, 7:10

Frat House may be Fraud

ATO hazing possibly staged for the documentary

By Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

The ATO house is where *Frat House* was filmed. The presence of the house and other College buildings in the film made it obvious that College was indeed in the film, although Muhlenberg itself was not named.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Although the College no longer recognizes Alpha Tau Omega (ATO), it is hard to escape the myths that swirl around campus of the fraternity's involvement in a supposed documentary about hazing filmed in 1998.

Whether or not the film is truly a documentary still remains a mystery to many students. After an investigation by Home Box Office (HBO) into the validity of the film's documentary value, it was ultimately determined that the film was not an accurate depiction of hazing events. Still some students remain under the impression that the film is truly accurate and is in fact validation of the hazing rituals that went on within the walls of the infamous ATO house.

Due to the fact that the film was banned from airing on HBO following a lawsuit by the fraternity, actual copies of the film are difficult to find. However, if one were fortunate enough to track down a copy of the bootleg film, he or she would definitely be left in shock by some of the scenes.

Contrary to popular belief that the film is solely about the events that transpired at ATO, the film is actually split in half between the events at Beta Chi (BX) fraternity at an unnamed school and the College's very own ATO. The first half of the movie is footage of BX.

In the beginning scenes, a new pledge, weary of the reality he has gotten himself into, continually questions the brothers as to the specifics of what he will have to do. In response, one of the consoling brothers tells the pledge not to worry and that "It's all good stuff." If the pledge only knew what he was getting himself into.

The following scenes were chock full of instances in which the pledges were participating in various hazing rituals of the fraternity. During their "lineups" they were repeatedly told by their Pledge-Master, Blossom, to "hit the floor" and do pushups, while having profanities screamed at them and being kicked in the stomach.

Describing his powerful role as Pledge-Master of the BX pledges, Blossom tells the camera that "hazing is like having the power of a God... You're like a king."

The highlight of the footage of BX comes when scenes of a sorority's pledges singing with smiles on their faces and candles in their hands are transitioned back and forth with scenes of the BX pledges participating in barbaric hazing rituals. Footage of BX ends abruptly after this however, after the BX brothers called off shooting.

It is at this point in the film when we are introduced to ATO and its own practices of pledging. Despite the fact that the narrator says they were asked to not include the name of the fraternity or the school in the film, it is obvious to those familiar with the College which school and fraternity are involved. The house filmed in the opening scene is obviously that of the ATO house. If this weren't enough proof there are various clips shown in the film that depict Ettinger, Seegers and the Chapel. In one scene we even see one of the ATO brothers carrying a keg across the front lawn in front of the Wescoe School.

The filming at ATO takes the co-producers, Todd Phillips and Andrew Gurland, to another level of fraternity life, as they are included in the activities of pledging. Their participation includes standing long hours in the "lineups" continually being told to "get on your head," by their Pledge Master, the Dragon.

During these hazing rituals pledges were forced to slam their skulls against the cold cement floor of the

SEE **FRAT** | PAGE 12

HOME | FROM PAGE 10

student, it didn't mean sharing a life, but being allowed to share a bed under her parent's roof.

Ironically, despite the apparent timidity of bringing someone home to the parents, we are not hesitant to want to bring someone home sexually. In fact, a philosopher friend exposed this point by parroting the topic "bringing her home" with pelvic thrusts.

And he's right. We are strongly committed to, for one, maintaining the 7th grade baseball metaphor for sexual activity and, two, wanting to bring someone home; sliding in; panting; and triumphant. So why are we so hesitant to have them sit down and pass the mashed potatoes?

Parents? Given. Expectations? Understood. But perhaps it's more than that. Aside from the intimidation of not knowing how your parents are going to react to the person you're sleeping with and vice versa, there is a level of complete vulnerability and insecurity that can't be shared with every person with whom you're sexually involved.

Even coming home sexually, i.e. having an orgasm, is something that is reserved. Perhaps for the man you love, perhaps for the random man you'll never see again, but it is a decision that isn't always in the affirmative.

This question of sexual intimacy is also reflected in how comfortable you are coming inside of someone or letting someone come inside of you. Arguably, if I am to enjoy sex to the ultimate pleasure, I need to let my partner come inside of me, thus becoming a part of me.

Of course, concerns of pregnancy, STDs and the like can be a deterrent here; but intimacy is honest and trusting, in fact it is completely honest so that there are no barriers whatsoever, no concerns.

Yet, it is this vulnerability that is both threatening and incredibly enticing, which is why ultimately we all get a little risky with someone, open the floodgates and decide to dissolve all barriers: petit mort and parents symbolically become one, and we have the momentous realization that coming home is difficult, but still wondrous.

DRIVE | FROM PAGE 10

dom exhibited in her words and tone.

Gross, as Uncle Peck, remained sufficiently creepy through-out the two hour performance. He also maintained an accurate South Carolina drawl that never broke once.

Although the play deals with sexual abuse within a family, parts of it are humorous. For example, Lil' Bit tells the audience, "In my family, folks tend to get nicknamed for their genitalia." Lil' Bit's nickname is derived from the fact that between her legs there is only a little bit. Then, there's also Lil' Bit's grandfather Big Poppa, which is pretty self-explanatory. Lil' Bit recollects both funny and painful experiences with her family, and by examining her relationship with Peck, she receives closure and begins to understand the cycle of abuse.

"If life hands you lemons say, 'Hey I didn't order this!' and see if they'll give you some sort of discount!"
-Tom Clark

Write for Life!

Contact Jackie
js232543@muhlenberg.edu

StudentCity.com
Spring Break
17 HOT DESTINATIONS!
Book Early & Receive
Free Meals
Free Drinks
Free T-shirt
Official Partner Of Maxim Break
CAMPUS REPS WANTED
Travel Free & Be VIP
1.888.Spring Break
www.studentcity.com

Spring Break from $489
Bahamas, Cancun, Acapulco, Jamaica!

Free Parties, Free Drinks.
Sign up early and save.
Organize a small group and you travel free.
Or, sell more and get paid commission.
Call 1-800-438-7861

horoscopes

By Zippy Dooda and the writers of *Aladdin*

Aries

"Okay, Sparky, here's the deal: You wanna court the little lady, ya gotta be a straight shooter, do ya got it?" You gotta go for it or else you're screwed. That person you've had your eye on all semester will get away if you don't act soon. So make your move big boy and remember, be smooth. However, rejection very well may still be in your future.

Taurus

"It's all part and parcel of the whole genie gig: phenomenal cosmic powers...itty bitty living space." You don't have magical powers, and you're still living in that itty bitty room with an irritating roomie. The good news: you get to sleep in your own room at home for a month. The bad news: you still have to return to your crappy excuse for a room in the spring.

Gemini

"It never fails - you get in the bath and there's a rub at the lamp." Don't even think about relaxing for the rest of the semester. You're going to be busy with finals and course papers for the next two weeks. Yeah there's only six days of class left, but you're going to be doing homework until two in the morning every night. But don't worry, break will soon be here.

Cancer

"You're speechless, I see." Walking in on your roommate and her boyfriend can be a bit shocking, especially with all that full frontal nudity. Maybe you should introduce her to the scrunchie code: When the scrunchie's on the door, please knock! Not seeing each other in the heat of passion will make things a lot more comfortable between you two.

Leo

"I can't believe this; I'm losin' to a rug." Yeah, that kinda sucks, but isn't it really cool that your rug can fly? Most peoples' rugs just lay on their floors, being all lazy, but your rug can fly, man. How awesome is that?! But, if you go around talking about your magical flying rug all the time, people might think you're a bit strange.

Virgo

"I love how your fowl little mind works." But it is a little disturbing. FYI: maybe if you kept those crazy little thoughts to yourself people wouldn't be so frightened of you. It's okay though. I know that you can't help that you're a little wacked out, but just try not to let everyone else in on the secret. That means keeping the squirrel heads hidden.

Libra

"Just remember the golden rule. Whoever has the gold makes the rules." So get a job already. Even though you put all those Christmas presents on your credit card, guess what? You're going to have to pay it off sometime. So don't just sit on the couch over break, work at the mall or something, you chump. Oh, and I hear that Victoria's Secret is hiring. Lucky you.

Scorpio

"Like so many things, it is not what is outside, but what is inside that counts." Yeah, that is what your grandmother always told you, but you gotta admit the outside does count for something. So stop skipping those morning showers to get fifteen more minutes of sleep. You have that empty circle of desks around you in every class for a reason: you smell!

Sagittarius

"The only reason why anybody thinks I'm worth anything is because of you!" Stop being so darn dependent. Just because your boyfriend wants to call it quits for a while doesn't mean you're suddenly worthless. Plus, using this line to try to get him back may just scare him more. You are acting like a clingy monkey. So get some self-esteem, you loser.

Capricorn

"And then, we drop papa-in-law and the little woman off a cliff... YAAAHHH! KERSPLAT!" Yeah violence might be satisfying for the moment, but try to solve your problems through peaceful means. Remember: murder is a capital offense, so you'd probably just spend the rest of your life in jail being violated in the shower. And that wouldn't be any fun.

Aquarius

"How may I be of service to you?" Stop being such a doormat. The next time your roommate asks you to get her something at GQ because she's too busy studying, tell her to get her lazy self up and get it herself. You don't have to be everyone's slave. Plus, they're probably just using you because they know you'll do whatever they want.

Pisces

"Oh, boy. He's cracked." So you've finally lost it. Stop what you are doing. Yes, put down this paper. (Wait! No, pick up the paper. Pick up the paper!) Okay, now close your eyes and take a deep breathe. (Well, no don't close your eyes right now you idiot. How are you going to finish reading your horoscope?) Just take a chill pill, ok?

FRAT

FROM PAGE 11

ATO basement, all while being dashed with a "mixture of ravioli and vomit," as described by the narrator.

In one instance, Phillips is even seen trapped in a dog-cage while brothers throw ash, spit and beer on him. They even go so far as to take an aerosol can and spray it through a lighter to create a flame-thrower that is aimed at Phillips trapped in the cage.

In one instance, [A pledge] is even seen trapped in a dog-cage while brothers throw ash, spit and beer on him.

The movie concludes with a scene of one of the newly initiated ATO brothers sitting in one of the rooms of ATO smoking some marijuana with his new comrades. During their session, the new brother says that he didn't mind what they did to him, because in his opinion, "They did this to make me one of them."

Describing the value of being put through such hazing activities, one of the ATO brothers states in the final line of the movie, "The fact you have to get your ass kicked to get in here is what makes it so special...hey you want a bong hit?"

After viewing the film, one should have no doubt in their mind that the hazing rituals filmed in ATO were staged. To begin, the simple fact that the two co-producers of the film were included in pledging should be an indicator that the ATO footage is fake. Additionally, the film was shot in the spring after pledging had already occurred in the fall. The brothers of ATO, were each paid fifty dollars to be in the film.

Whether or not these activities are actually what occurs during real pledging activities can be debated. Even if these activities had actually occurred during the pledge process, that is not to say that the dramatics that were filmed in *Frat House* are an accurate depiction.

The producers and the brothers worked together to arrange times to get together at the house and shoot the staged hazing rituals. Telling people how to act in front of the camera is not part of a documentary.

As far as the authenticity of the footage of BX, that can be left to interpretation. Based on the blatant use of staged events at ATO compared to the events shot of BX, one could be left with the impression that the footage of BX was actually reality.

The authenticity in this case is not what should be questioned, rather the larger question should be: do fraternities really think that this is the only way one can truly experience brotherhood?

Binge Drinking
You think you know,
But you have no idea

Come to:
Seeger's Union
Monday, December 6, 2004
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

to learn more about the effects of binge drinking,
to enjoy our "mocktails,"
& to view our video documentary

* Sponsored by students in *Health Communication**

Building Relationships

Mule Profile--Frank Pepe

By Robin DeCicco
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Under the leadership of Senior co-Captain Frank Pepe, the wrestling team is determined to make the 2004 season a successful one. Although the team's overall record last season was not impressive, Pepe believes that the team bonded and grew stronger. The team practiced hard during the off-season and is ready to compete.

"My goals for this season are team oriented; I want to take our team back to the Centennial Conference Championships. This is a realistic goal because we have eighteen finely tuned athletes who are hungry to put a trophy into the Muhlenberg trophy case," said Pepe.

In terms of independent performance, Pepe is currently wrestling at 157 pounds, the lowest he has ever been. He works hard in the gym by biking for miles in a sweat suit in order to make weight; however, Pepe takes his job as captain much more seriously than his role as wrestler.

"I have several responsibilities as captain this year, and I enjoy everything that comes along with the job. Since the team is mostly made up of underclassmen, I make sure to support them in every aspect of life at Muhlenberg--not just wrestling."

Pepe continued, "The guys and I discuss academics, social life and their adjustment to college. It remains important for them to feel comfortable talking to me, so that when they have a question regarding the team, they do not hesitate to approach me."

Pepe was voted as captain by his teammates at the end of last season, where he illustrated his dedication and determination to the team, even though he suffered from a shoulder injury and was restricted to the bench. He supported the team by going to practices, matches and providing a positive morale for all wrestlers. His injury was unfortunate, since he had high expectations for himself during the season.

Although he was unable to wrestle, he says his experience as "cheerleader" for the team was extremely valuable, "In a way, I am thankful that I was given the opportunity to bond with my teammates, advise them, and support them during the time of my injury--this experience served as practice for my position as captain," said Pepe.

Before his shoulder injury, Pepe was voted Muhlenberg Player's Player by his peers during his sophomore year. This award is given based on a wrestler's work ethic, leadership skills and ability to motivate other team members. In regards to receiving this award, Pepe said, "It felt nice to hear that everyone thought I was a vital attribute to the team."

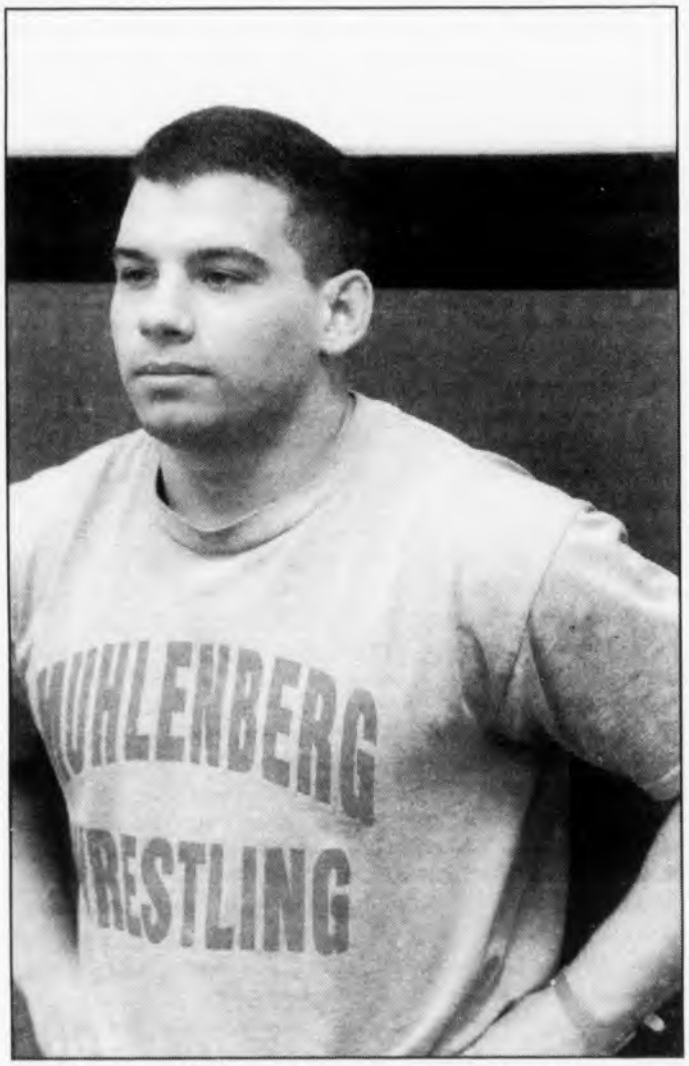
He admits that his four years at College have gone by quickly; however, he will never forget the unbelievable transition he made as a young freshman. Although it might surprise most wrestling fans, Pepe actually came to College to play football and never had any intention to wrestle.

After football season ended his freshman year, the wrestling coach pursued him, telling him he would make a great wrestler. It only took a few months for Pepe to transform into a wrestler and leave behind his helmet and shoulder pads.

Pepe is grateful to the wrestling coaches for not only recruiting him, but for also introducing him to the "nicest guys on campus."

"When this season is over, I will obviously miss competing more than anything else, but I will also miss the polka music we play before matches, the bus rides to and from competitions and the nights we gorge ourselves on half price appetizers at Applebee's after matches," said Pepe.

Pepe benefits in many ways from being part of the wrestling team: his wrestling skills have improved, he has made friendships that will last beyond college and he has been given the opportunity to demonstrate his strong leadership skills by leading his team.



Senior co-Captain Frank Pepe leads the Muhlenberg wrestling team. He says that his experience being injured and being the team's "cheerleader" prepared him to lead the Mules this season.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

SPORTS SCHEDULE

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WRESTLING	Petrofes Invitational at 10:00 a.m.	Petrofes Invitational at 8:00 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		vs. Washington (M.D.) at 4:00 p.m.
MEN'S BASKETBALL		vs. Washington (M.D.) at 2:00 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

On Oct. 7, 1916, Georgia Tech defeated Cumberland College by the largest margin ever-- 222-0. In order to make the game marginally less painful for the Cumberland College fans, the second half was shortened by 15 minutes.

http://www.worldalmanacforkids.com/explore/sports.html

WRITE FOR SPORTS

CONTACT

Allison Auclair at
aauclair@
muhlenberg.edu

Kristen Zieglar at
zieg3527@
muhlenberg.edu

Robin DiCicco at
deci1827@
muhlenberg.edu

Mules place well at Ursinus Fall Brawl

By Dylan Moulton
Weekly Sports Writer

WRESTLING

After a rough opening tournament, the Mules wrestling squad earned some respect with five place finishers at the Ursinus Fall Brawl on Nov. 20.

Matt Loesch wrestled in the 197 weight class and earned second place, his second title in that many tournaments. Loesch lost to Nick Vinciguerra of New Jersey, who is ranked sixth in Division III, by a 6-2 decision. This brings his record to 5-2.

Matt Loesch was recognized by the Centennial Conference in Individual Performances. Loesch was in the finals of the King's Point Tournament and at the Ursinus Fall Brawl, but in both he lost in a decision.

Loesch won two of his five matches by fall. One was his career fastest fall: 35 seconds.

Dale Mills, wrestling at 149 pounds, placed second as well, losing by a one point minor decision to a Division III third ranked Jim Russial, from York. This is the third time Mills and Russial have met in the finals. Each time Russial has pulled away with the win. In last year's finals, Russial won two matches against Mills, once by a one point margin, and the other by two.

Sophomore Michael Tenenhaus wrestled against Albright College's Brandon Boulton but then was pinned by Ursinus College's Eddie Murray. Murray earned his third title this year.

One addition to the team is Freshman Joe Tartar who comes in at 285 pounds. Tartar joined the team following the end of football season. The team was been waiting for his arrival since October.

In an energetic rebound following a first round loss by one point, he won his next five matches, four by pin. His one win by decision was against Tom Boyce, who defeated Tarter in the first round.

The Mules had wrestlers place in the top four in five of ten weight classes at the Ursinus Fall Brawl.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Tartar is already ranked second in winning percentages in his weight class with 83 percent of his matches ending in wins. Tarter looks to bolster the depth of the team, which is already stronger and deeper in its heavier weight classes.

Other placers include Freshman Joseph DeCampo, at 141 pounds and Sophomore John Hesse, at 184 pounds, who both earned fourth place. Both wrestlers are new to the team this year and have proven to be reliable assets, placing in both of the last two tournaments: the Monarch Invitationals and the Ursinus Fall Brawl.

The Mules have one more tournament before they begin dual-meets. On Dec. 3, the Mules are traveling to Messiah College for the Petrofes Invitational. It is a two day tournament, which will be a first in the season. This is their first scored tournament this season.

In this tournament, the Mules will match up against Messiah College, along with Ursinus College, Gettysburg College, and Johns Hopkins University from the Centennial Conference. Last year, the Mules placed eighth out of thirteen teams, defeating all Centennial Conference competitors except Ursinus College.

The team will have yet another chance to impress the Centennial Conference contenders while using it as practice for the upcoming duals.

The Mule wrestlers practiced before their weekend match in the new Life Sports Center wrestling room.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Need a Study Break?

Relieve Some Stress During Finals Week at

the
POWERHOUSE
café

Wake yourself up with a Starbucks Coffee!
Increase your energy with a protein shake!
Satisfy your hunger with Soup or a Sandwich!

We carry all the essentials to help keep you a successful student!
Keep a look out for our finals week specials!

Exciting Season Ends; Mules Fall to St. John's Fisher

By Allison Marman
Weekly Sports Writer

FOOTBALL

An exciting season for the Mules came to a close with a loss to St. John's Fischer (10-1) on Saturday. The 31-3 loss sent the Mules (8-3) home and the St. John's Fisher Cardinals to the second round of the playoffs.

The Mules entered the match after a confidence-building victory over Moravian College the week prior, but their top-ranked defense could not hold the equally strong Cardinal's offense down. The twelfth ranked team recorded 480 total offensive yards, nearly half of which came from Mark Robinson who is ranked third in the Division for rushing.

To add insult to injury, the Cardinals boast a pass efficiency of 60 percent and nearly doubled the Mules passing yards, rushing yards and first downs.

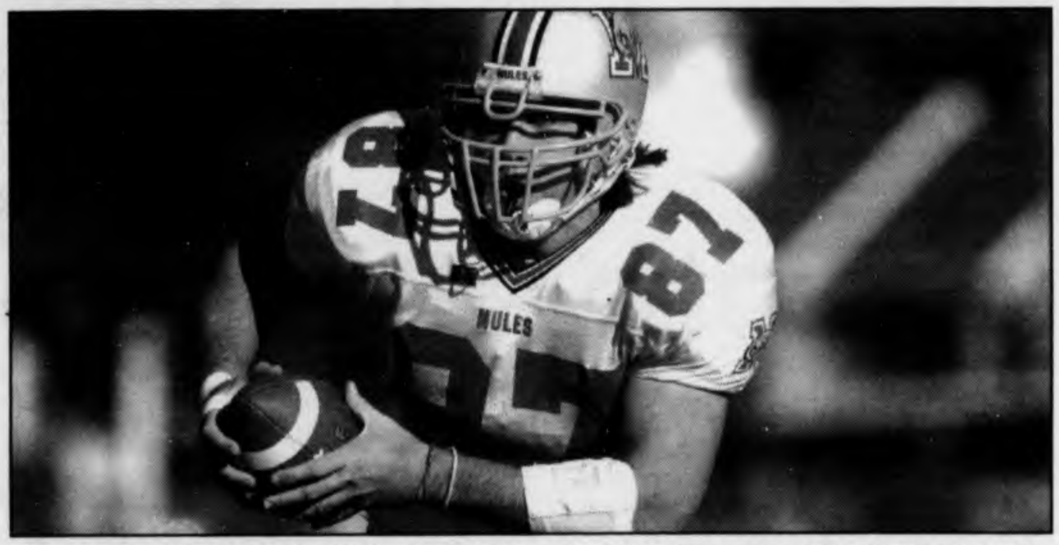
Fisher earned the first points of the game with a 29-yard field goal with 1:44 to go in the first. A 47-yard touchdown pass five minutes into the second quarter gave the Cardinals a 10-0 lead. The Mules fought hard, and an eleven play, 56-yard effort put freshman kicker Jordan Grube in place for a 26 yard field goal to put them on the board. With 4:52 left in the half, Grube's field goal cut the Cardinal's lead to just 10-3. But, the Cardinals came right back to score a touchdown little more than two minutes later on Robinson's 41 yard run, and the half ended with the Mules down 17-3.

The second half brought more of the same, and two more touchdown passes for the Cardinals gave them a final score 31-3.

Regardless of this loss, the season was a good one for the Mules. The Centennial Conference All Conference picks were released last week, and thirteen of the Mules' starters found their way onto either first team, second team or honorable mentions. Of the thirteen, eight came from their number-one defense.

Sophomore Keith Shalvoy carries the ball for the Mules. Despite having a nationally ranked defense, the Mules let go 31 points to St. John's Fisher in their NCAA playoff loss.

Photo by Rob Kandel



Stephen Montalto leads the Muhlenberg offense down the field. The Mules, however, could not score enough points to hold back St. John's Fisher.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Leading the pack was Senior Ryan Peer. The outside linebacker was recently named Defensive Player of the Year, the first in the College's history, as well as First Team All-Conference. Peer finished with 66 tackles, four forced-fumbles, eight and a half sacks, sixteen and a half tackles for loss and three blocked kicks.

Another unanimous selection was Senior co-Captain Mike Della Pella, with six and a half tackles for loss, 29 stops and interception and fumble recovery.

Joining him for the second year in a row was junior defensive end Dan McCall. McCall recorded four and a half sacks and eight tackles for loss, despite sitting out for two games with an injury.

Senior Dan Walker, another outside linebacker, earned a First Team position after being selected for Second Team in 2003. Walker recorded 51 tackles, nine and a half sacks and eighteen tackles for loss this season, and led the Mules in the latter two categories.

A pair of juniors from the secondary, Justin Adair and Mike McCurley earned First Team Honors. This was Adair's first Varsity season, and he led the league with thirteen pass breakups, in addition to 31 solo tackles. McCurley recorded 44 tackles, four tackles for loss and nine pass breakups. McCurley also earned second team honors as a Kick Returner.

Two Mules made First Team Offense: Senior Frank Santini and Junior Mike Leanch. Santini joined Della Pella and McCall for his second year on First Team Centennial Conference and was also one of the three Mules receiving honors from the All Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll. Joining him were Seniors Mike Harhay and Rich Volpe.

Leanch, who made an Honorable Mention in 2003, clinched a spot on this year's All-Centennial Conference First Team as an offensive lineman.

Pulling in spots on All-Conference Second Team were junior linemen Carl Slabicki and Tom Wargacki, for offense and defense respectively, and sophomore tight end Steve Montalto. Honorable Mentions in defense went to Junior Phil Gasker and Sophomore Ryan Sassaman.

The Mules constituted nearly half the First Team All-Conference team and about 30 percent of the total First Team Picks.

It was a sad end to an exciting season for the seniors who bid their football days farewell. The senior class finished with a career record of 32-12, falling one win short of the school record for a four-year span.

Among the seniors were three offensive starters, quarterback Nick Rosetti, running backs Jason Spencer and Mike Mrkobrad, as well as two defensive linebackers, Ryan Peer and Matt Cooper and kicker Adam Abramowitz. The seniors leave behind a handful of broken records.

Each of the seniors put out a great effort this season and their team will no doubt miss them in the 2005 season.

SCOTTY WOOD

FROM PAGE 16

Leading the team in three-pointers was Senior Gwen Doyle, who was named tournament Most Valuable Player after nailing five three pointers, including the one that gave the Mules their first lead, 51-49 just four minutes into the second half. Doyle's five three pointers tied a tournament record.

Doyle also holds the College's record for games in which she scored a three-pointer. The game against Montclaire became her 31st consecutive game. Overall, she holds the College's record for career three-pointers with 128.

Doyle was named to the Centennial Conference Honor Roll for her performance in this game. She is now tied for the Centennial Conference's record for most three-pointers in one game.

Junior Tiffany Kirk racked up four three-pointers, one of which gave the Mules a large lead and helped them retain this lead.

Junior Kristen Piscadlo also contributed by making three three-pointers and scoring fifteen points to join Doyle on the all-Tournament team.

Wright and Junior Valerie Robuck each hit a pair of long-range shots and finished with their career-high's of ten points.

Freshman Abra Like made her first appearance and first three-point shot, gaining her first career points and also adding three assists and three steals.

By winning this tournament, the Mules have now won two back-to-back Scotty Wood Tournament titles, a College first.

The Mules are now ranked third in the Centennial Conference, behind only Johns Hopkins University and Dickinson College.

The Mules play home against Washington (M.D.) next. The shorewomen are currently ranked ninth in the C.C. and are coming off of two losses: one against Johns Hopkins University and the other, Drew University.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Inside: *Football falls short to St. John's Fisher Cardinals.*
Page 15

Inside: *Five wrestlers finish first in Ursinus Fall Brawl.*
Page 14

Scotty Wood Tournament

Mules win title for second consecutive year

By Betsy Stoller
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Mules won the Scotty Wood Tournament this weekend, proving that their impressive records last season were not a fluke.

The Mules defeated Misercordia College in their first game on Friday by a score of 79-69. Sophomore forward Emily Wright, sophomore center Meghan Courtney and junior forward Valerie Robuck all hit multiple shots and achieved career highs in points.

Wright scored seven of ten points during the first half, helping the Mules build a 40-30 lead. But, Misercordia scored the final seven points of the half and kept the Mules' lead in single digits most of the second half.

Misericordia cut the lead to a mere five points, 70-65, with three minutes left to play. Robuck drilled her second three-pointer of the game, sealing the win for the Mules. She finished the game with nine points and five rebounds.

Courtney, in her first career start, had nine points and ten rebounds, while Junior Lacie Smith also contributed big with her almost double-double with eight points and ten rebounds. Junior Kristen Piscadlo led the Mules with thirteen points.

During the tournament finals, the Mules sunk seventeen three pointers, which led them to a comeback where they defeated Montclair State University 89-74.

Midway through the first half, the Mules were trailing the Red Hawks, 25-9. They continued to trail Montclair State 33-17, with five minutes to go before intermission.

Over the next nineteen minutes, the Mules outscored Montclair 67-24, and created a 27 point lead.

During this run, 42 of the 67 points came from fourteen three-pointers. The Mules shot an impressive 55.6 percent or ten-for-eighteen from three-point range in the second half and 45.9 percent or seventeen-for-37 overall.

About her team's run and their performance so far, Wright said, "I thought that we played really well according to our system."

"In both the first and second game we got off to a slow start, but in the second part of the second game everything just fell into place. We went on a huge run, and it carried through the entire game, and it should carry through the entire season," said Wright.

"With more experience and games, we will continually improve. We have a good outlook for the season and we are very optimistic," said Wright.

With the seventeen three-pointers, the Mules were just two shy of the school record set last year against Haverford College.

SEE **SCOTTY WOOD**
PAGE 15

Junior Lindsay Orosz drives to the basket during the Mule victory in the Scotty Wood Tournament.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

'Berg defeats Hartwick but falls to Marymount

By Tara DeMarzo
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Mules placed second in the Scotty Wood tournament this weekend after they outscored Hartwick College partially due to Sophomore Jeff Stewart's fourteen point run. Senior Ryan Bonda and Sophomore Jeff Stewart were selected to the All-Tournament team.

In the first game against Hartwick, the Mules clinched the game, 79-53. The Golden Bears had the lead going into the end of the first half when Jeff Stewart sparked the Mules offense and fronted the Cardinal and Gray on an 18-0 run, with fourteen straight points.

Seniors Chase Licata and Ryan Bonda supported Stewart's lead following with a basket each. The classmates shot two-for-four and four-for-nine from the floor, respectively.

Senior Donte Borden exemplified extraordinary defense with four steals on the night. Borden set the pace for an atmosphere of teamwork as well, dishing out three assists.

Junior Jimmy O'Brien led the squad with rebounds, pulling down seven in the game. All sixteen Mules saw playing time and were able to contribute to the first win of the season.

On Saturday, the Mules played in the championship game against Marymount College. The Saints brought with them their head coach and Muhlenberg alumnus Scott McClary '94 back to challenge his alma mater.

Despite a solid effort, the Mules fell short 78-71 to the Saints. The lead was back and forth until Marymount took a 41-29 lead at the end of the first half. The Mules put up a strong fight, coming within three points of the Saints twice during the second half.

Some missed scoring opportunities--especially foul shots as the Mules had a .577 free throw percentage--could have made a difference in this seven point difference game.

Bonda scored fifteen points in the game. Stewart added seventeen points, twelve rebounds and a school-record-tying six blocked shots to conclude this important weekend.

Senior co-Captain Chase Licata recorded fourteen points in the game and Sophomore Tom Scott scored thirteen points. Scott was notable because of his foul line record of three-for-three. Senior Donte Borden led the team with assists , this time dishing out five of the Mules' fifteen. With the intensity shown by the players and the spirit of the fans, Scotty Wood is just a preview of what could be an exciting winter season.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Additions to study abroad options offer greater opportunities to both language majors and non-majors.
page 6

Inside

Ten Thousand Villages sale helps artisans in low-income countries and the Global AIDS Alliance.
page 9

VOLUME CXXVII, ISSUE 11 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2004

Glass slipper project helps local girls

Students donate old prom dresses

By Michelle Quirk
Asst. News Editor

It started off with a simple prom dress collection but grew into a much bigger affair.

The Glass Slipper Project, held at the College this past Saturday in Miller Forum, was modeled after the national Glass Slipper Project which originated in Chicago, Ill.

The four students who ran the project were Rachel Feinberg '06, Dee Ross '06, Betsy Stoller '06 and Adrienne Verbich '06.

"We decided to have it in the beginning of December because all four of us will be abroad during the prime prom season in the spring," said Ross.

The organizers began working on the project last May. They collected approximately 250 prom dresses from students, faculty and staff of the College.

In addition, the group collected shoes, jewelry, handbags and accessories.

"We started to add little details to make the event more welcoming and comfortable," said Ross.

According to Ross, the College Community was responsive to the donation pleas.

"Their donations really made this project successful," said Ross.

"Without them, we wouldn't have been able to make all of these girls such happy individuals."

"We tried to stray away from making the project seem like a charity event and attempted to make it a 'Girl Event' instead," said

SEE **SLIPPER** | PAGE 7

Dee Ross '06 organizes the dresses donated through the Glass Slipper Project.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Binge drinking raises concerns

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

Drinking, especially binge drinking is often linked to college campuses. Most people have heard of binge drinking, but may not know what it really is.

To help raise student awareness about binge drinking, students enrolled in Health Communication constructed a campaign entitled "You Think You Know But You Have No Idea" to educate students on the issue and make them think about their actions with respect to drinking.

On Monday, students involved in the campaign took shifts at a table in Seegers Union where they had a variety of materials related to binge drinking.

They had several pamphlets of information for people walking through, as well as candy, mocktails and a video they made.

The students also put signs along Academic Row containing facts and statistics about binge drinking and displayed empty alcohol containers they had collected from campus dumpsters on Sunday, Nov. 14 to show the amount of alcohol

SEE **BINGE** | PAGE 8

Greek Life Task Force submits recommendations

By Christina Liciaga
Weekly News Writer

After a semester-long endeavor, the Greek Life Task Force submitted its report to Randy Helm, President of the College.

The Greek Life Task Force is a committee created by President Helm in March 2004 to review Greek life at Muhlenberg and issue recommendations on how to best approach future aspects of student life in regards to fraternities and sororities.

According to the co-chairs of the committee, Linda Bipps and Tilghman Moyer, the Task Force was created in a "context of a new president and the Strategic Plan," and aimed at "identifying the strengths and challenges Greek Life faced."

It was initiated, therefore, not because Greek Life was in crisis, but rather, as Helm made clear, "because I thought it was an important part of student life, and I wanted to consult broadly before refining our plans."

In order to assure a broad and diverse group, Helm chose members from different constituencies.

Members include students, parents, faculty, administration and alumni, with a variation between those who were Greek and non-Greek.

The diversity of the panel is best witnessed in the two co-chairs of Linda Bipps and Tilghman Moyer.

Bipps is a Muhlenberg College faculty member of 19 years and has a daughter and son-in-law Greek Muhlenberg alum. Tilghman Moyer is an administrator of 11 years at the College with no Greek affiliations.

Additionally, information was collected from a variety of sources.

Over 8,000 Greek and non-Greek alum completed

SEE **GREEK** | PAGE 7

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Managing Editor

Ben Veghte
Asst. Managing Editor

Open public dialogue is key

As can be seen by perusing the Op/Ed section of this issue, several students and staff members have responded to previous articles in *The Weekly* via Letters to the Editor. This action is to be commended, as it promotes a continuing dialogue regarding issues addressed in *The Weekly*. We as an Editorial Board would like to thank and encourage all members of the College Community who have submitted a Letter and ask that this eagerness to reply is continued.

Several means of response to articles in *The Weekly* have been utilized in the past, but these may not be the best approaches to continuing conversation publicly about the campus or effectively expressing concerns about the newspaper.

One instance of this ineffective means was demonstrated last week by a faculty member. Sadly, the faculty member expressed his concerns regarding an article by raising his voice to a staff member and emphatically yelling at the editor that "fact checking" is necessary.

While it is disgraceful that a faculty member would unprofessionally yell at a student about an article to begin with, the greater concern is the deconstructive result of such action. Rather than discussing the article with the editor about any inaccuracies or submitting a Letter to the Editor in rebuttal for the entire campus to participate in the conversation, this faculty member chose to embarass himself and end the issue on a poor note with no further resolving of the issue.

It is our recommendation to the College Community to address any concerns of inaccuracies directly to the Editor-in-Chief via email or conversation or by sending a Letter to the Editor in order to promote a greater variance of expression of opinion for the entire College Community to hear through this public forum on campus: your student newspaper.

Letters to the Editor:

Not only Greeks

To the Editor:

Commitment. Every organization can attest that participating in any activity requires just that. In response to Tiffany Kirk's article, "Discrimination on campus is not an act" I would like to clarify the many misrepresentations about the audition process and priorities within the Muhlenberg Dance Association (MDA) and Muhlenberg Theatre Association (MTA).

As a senior Theatre and Dance double major and an active director and choreographer, I can first make known that the MDA's audition sheet does not only include her quoted question "Do you belong to a Greek Organization..." but also "Do you hold an off campus job?" and "Are you a Perkulator?" among others. In addition the entire back of the audition sheet is provided for the auditioner to fill in their weekly class schedule and other commitments. Other organizations such as the acapella groups ask similar questions on their forms.

These questions are put in place for a very practical reason: scheduling. Clearly Kirk has not done research of the rehearsal process to say, "Whether they could commit to the work should not be a primary concern". A cast member not able to attend rehearsal *is* a primary concern; a product cannot be made without showing up to do the work.

This concern is second only to another factor; the question of talent. Having made such casting decisions several times, I can assure any disgruntled auditioner that the first thing considered is always the performance given at the audition.

As students we each have a choice as to how much we commit to. Casters of productions also have the choice to select students with a workable schedule. I applaud the responsible subject of Kirk's statement, "A rising sophomore Theatre major decides against pledging a sorority next fall because she wants the chance to land a role in a play." Let it be noted that individuals faced with the same decision also choose the pledging route. The choice to focus one's commitment is a commendable one.

Multi-committed actors and dancers do exist. In response to Kirk's declaration that a member of a Greek Organization "should expect to be watching dance performances and plays from the audience" one need look no further than this semester's Student Dance Concert and *Pippin* as they boasted talents of sorority and fraternity members.

I encourage Kirk and the entire Muhlenberg community to see the many talented, responsible, hard working students on the Muhlenberg stage and notice the company bios listing various activities. One can see well-rounded students perform every semester if one bothers to do the research.

--Kimberly Schmidt
Class of '05

Holliday travel plans stand

To the Editor:

In response to the "Keep Dorms Open" in the Dec. 2, 2004 issue. The solution offered by the author is more complicated than what was suggested.

My first thought was "do parents want their children driving home on Thanksgiving morning?" I can recall my college days where we traveled on Easter because classes started on Monday. Attendance was poor in class that Monday.

Parents want to be with their children on holidays. The College changed the schedule, and there are no classes on that Monday. I wonder how attendance is on Tuesday? Let's alter the author's suggestion to make the last day of classes Tuesday and students could stay until Wednesday morning. The College would need to change the residential policy and the academic calendar.

As I discussed this solution, some good points came out. First, students could go to class Tuesday, wouldn't need to travel late, get a good night sleep and leave on Wednesday. Another positive is the reduction of stress.

Not only would the students' stress be reduced but also the College staff. Many College staff members make sacrifices and work under a lot of pressure under the current policy. The time to do any necessary work is minimal, and staffing levels may be low. These people make sacrifices with their families and traveling arrangements so the buildings are closed properly and all appropriate issues are addressed as best as possible.

The Tuesday/Wednesday solution would allow these individuals to address things properly during "business" hours, and they could leave at the end of their "normal" workday. I'll venture to guess that the people involved in closing the facilities would not want to work on Thanksgiving morning. Can addressing this concern be so easy?

Let's not forget the issue of safe travel. Unfortunately, this solution still has students traveling on one of the busiest travel days of the year. This would probably mean if the weather forecast for Wednesday were bad, then students would want to leave early on Tuesday to avoid the weather and traffic on Wednesday. How can we get the students to attend class, get them home safely, and make sure buildings get closed properly? Why not end classes Monday and close the "dorms" Tuesday? I'm sure some people would welcome the longer break right before finals. Is this what the Campus Community wants? It's probably a suitable solution for some and unsuitable for other Campus Community members.

Plus, if the last day of class were Monday, students would probably come up with reasons to leave on Friday. Regardless of when the break actually begins, will students still go to their classes?

This leads to another suggestion of dealing with poor attendance. It would involve the College or faculty to have a strict Attendance Policy for classes. Many of my past educators have stated, "Attendance in their class has a correlation to the grade you will receive".

What repercussions do the students face who do not show up for class on the last day? If a student decided not to go to class the day before break, what were the consequences? Who is to blame for this decision? It's probably easiest to blame a policy; that way we can avoid taking responsibility for our actions.

As a society we have slipped away from looking at both the positives and negatives of actions and from taking responsibility for our actions. Was there a hidden message in the letter?

Could implementing these suggestions solve the problem? As in this and other campus issues we cannot expect the campus culture to change unless we do things properly. Taking one-dimensional approaches is not necessarily going to address all the issues of one concern. By having open discussions, making changes or implementing certain initiatives we can change the campus culture and encourage responsible decision-making.

All choices have consequences – positive and negative. I hope that if the matter of "dorm" closing is further discussed that both the positive and negative aspects and who is influenced are examined. There are many other aspects of such a change that I have not addressed or considered. We must avoid one-dimensional approaches to addressing this or any other issue on the campus because of its complexities and diversity.

--Thomas Dougherty, Asst. Chief of Police, Dept. of Campus Safety

Dorm holiday reality

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to address the short sighted and inaccurate letter titled "Keep Dorms Open", published in the Dec. 2, 2004 issue. It is clear to me that the author is completely unaware of what it takes to close a residence hall. He has forgotten the sixty RAs staff the residence halls, who are responsible for closing down their halls before they can journey home for the holidays. Are we suggesting that these sixty students should travel home on the holiday?

Are RAs needed to close the buildings? I can tell you that without the RAs checking rooms, countless windows and doors would be left unlocked and hundreds of appliances would be left on, posing fire safety threats to the entire building. In light of the recent burglaries, I would say the work the RAs do to close the buildings is crucial.

In addition, the author failed to include any facts that would suggest that keeping the residence halls open is a good idea. The reality is that by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, a large percentage of all students had already left campus. In Prosser Hall, a floor of 40 people had only six people remaining as of 8:30 a.m. Wednesday morning.

The Office of Residential Services provides a "Request to Stay or Return Early Form" for every break. This form can easily be filled out online, and no student has been denied if they feel his or her commute will be treacherous due to weather or time restraints. In addition, any student living over 300 miles away from campus would be approved automatically.

This year only eight students submitted these forms for Thanksgiving Break. By 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, every student but one had left campus. The Residential Services office answers its phones well past 6:00 p.m. the night before breaks, and we are always flexible with last minute student travel concerns.

The reality is that students are leaving campus early because they want to be home a day or two before the holiday, even if it means skipping a class. I am not suggesting that this is a wise decision by students, but rather that the facts do not support the author's argument.

The author posed the question: "Shouldn't our dorm policies complement rather than hinder classroom learning?" I feel they already do. If the residence hall policy is so essential to classroom learning, why is it that many faculty members cancel their classes the day before holidays?

Sure, one could argue faculty are doing this to allow students more time to drive home because the current policy does not complement classroom learning; but, I always thought two wrongs don't make a right. I would suggest that before the author renders opinions about how other departments should change, he consider looking at his own first.

--Aaron Bova
Assistant Director
of Residential Services

Equal chances for all

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to Tiffany Kirk's opinion piece "Discrimination on campus not an act." As a Dance major and choreographer involved in campus activities, including a sorority, I feel it is important to clear up this misleading opinion.

I want to first state that in no way, shape or form do the Dance or Theatre departments discriminate against students who are involved in campus activities and/or part of a Greek organization.

Yes, the Dance Association asks questions about outside activities on audition sheets. What Ms. Kirk fails to mention is other important questions asked include "Are you auditioning for any theatre shows?" and "Are you in College Choir?"

These commitments are necessary to know for *scheduling* purposes. Given the extensive nature of the arts at Muhlenberg, rehearsal time slots and venues are at a premium and time flexibility is required.

If a rehearsal slot conflicts with another activity's schedule, obviously the student will not be cast – not because he or she is being punished for an outside commitment, but because being in two places at once is simply impossible.

Of course, just because a dancer didn't get cast in that particular piece doesn't mean other choreographers holding rehearsals at different times won't cast the dancer.

Rather than voice opinion, I'd like to state facts: I have been both cast in shows as a dancer and have cast dancers as a choreographer. Every time I audition, I answer "yes" to the question about being in a Greek organization.

I have been cast in quite a few pieces, regardless of my sorority membership. When meeting with the other choreographers to discuss casting, I very rarely looked at the answers to these activity questions, nor did any of the other choreographers.

The only time the answers were looked at was if the dancer had written an *excessive* amount of outside time commitments that would hinder rehearsal scheduling.

It should also be noted there are other considerations in casting more important than activity schedules such as technique, height, and look of the dancer in relation to the rest of the cast.

As Ms. Kirk wrote, being a part of a Greek organization "is something to be proud of and treasure." Well, I am proud to be both a member of a sorority *and* an active member of the Dance Association productions.

--Becca Ehrlich
Class of '06

Senior Pub Night is only for seniors

Marika Ets
Weekly Guest Columnist

I attended my first Senior Pub Night on Thursday night. I had a great time at Banana Joe's, chatting with friends, meeting new people and enjoying $2 vodka drinks. However, it gradually came to my attention that the company consisted of more than just seniors. There was definitely some non-class of 2005 representation, and I found it quite irksome.

As the name suggests, Senior Pub Night is for seniors. It's a chance for seniors to get out and relax at some venue away from our beloved campus. We seniors work hard. Most seniors I know are constantly swamped with schoolwork, meetings, and internships, and struggle to find adequate time to hang out with their friends. Senior Pub Night is a nice reward for our diligence. We get a chance to forget briefly about our piles of responsibilities and to enjoy the good parts of senior year-being 21 and spending time with our friends of the past three years. But I find that the experience is devalued greatly when underclassmen tag along.

It's not that seniors don't enjoy fraternizing with their underclassmen friends. Of course they do. However, that occurs at just about any other party held on or around campus. The point of Senior Pub Night is for seniors, as adults, to hang out at an

Senior Pub Night is a chance for seniors to get out and relax at some venue away from our beloved campus.

SEE **PUB NIGHT** | PAGE 5

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Managing Editor
Ben Veghte, Asst. Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
OPEN, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
Julie Strasser, Focus Editor
Rob Kandel, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Business Manager
Michelle Quirk, Asst. News Editor
Kate Arney-Cimino, Amy Cookson, Max Lux, Asst. OP/ED Editors
Jackie Starner, Asst. Life! Editor
Robin DeCicco, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Johnny Canneto, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Sveta Shah, Chrissy Culotta, Copy Editors
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2004. All rights reserved.

Weekly Discourse: The Facebook

Another way to avoid personal contact or a great new resource?

Kate Arney-Cimino
Asst. OP/ED Editor

Recently Muhlenberg has been accepted to join The Facebook and since then we have graciously been given another thing to check obsessive compulsively the way we do away messages on AIM. The creators of The Facebook have given us another tool to keep us away from the three dimensional world of feelings that are not expressed with colons and half parenthesis.

This is a brilliant resource for shy people who are too scared to go out into the world and say, "Hi, I'm Kate do you want to be friends?" Actually asking in person is a thing of the past. Now we have the option to select our friends solely based on the picture that they have provided and then we can sit back and twiddle our thumbs while we wait in anticipation for them to accept or reject us. Here's another thing, has anyone actually had the courage to reject someone as their friend? Do we know what happens? It's almost bizarre that we have the courage to put our personal information like our address, when we graduated high school, our dorm room number online for the whole face book to view, yet we are too scared to click "reject."

> *The creators of The Facebook have given us another tool to keep us away from the three dimensional world of feelings that are not expressed with colons and half parenthesis. This is a brilliant resource for shy people.*

Besides being a great tool for shy people, The Facebook is a great tool for stalkers. We can locate all our old chums from high school and see what they are doing now and who's fat and who's dating whom. Also, by looking at the pictures people have posted of themselves it is a mind twister to think who that other person might be in the picture. We only see a sliver of their face, or perhaps a wisp of blond hair grazing our ex's cheek and we can only sit back and instead of thinking about finals, contemplate who that significant other is and if at this time they are still significant.

The Facebook has reduced flirting to a level more pathetic than a third-graders attempt to get a girl's attention by throwing spit balls at her. We now can "poke" people. This is a technological triumph! Maybe they will invent a propose button and people can just click propose, wouldn't that be so romantic? And if he was extra special he might just "directly connect" with you to send you a picture of the ring. This doesn't always work because the computer can determine your compatibility, and especially with Muhlenberg email, more times than not direct connections fail, if you catch my drift.

Another feature of The Facebook that completely devalues any hope of romance is in the profile section. Here there is an option that you may select if you are looking for dating, friends, or "random play." We are so confident online that we can easily say we aren't looking for dating but random play; we just want to hook up, and we are brave enough to come out and say it--or click in a box.

In the end what do we gain from the brilliance of The Facebook? Maybe we can reunite with an old classmate who we lost contact with over the years, or finally we get to "poke" that cute boy in our class we've always had a crush on. And from joining The Facebook what do we lose? We lose countless hours spent searching and poking, and in the meantime we have given up our faces to The Facebook and as we sit up late at night browsing pictures we search and we crave personal contact and connection. Here are hundreds of people who we see every day and now is when we take the time to *really* look at them, read their favorite quotes, and we ask to be friends, and their pictures stare blankly back at us.

Max Lux
Asst. OP/ED Editor

Currently there is a major trend sweeping across campus, a new wonderful time waster, the likes of which have not been seen since the Super Mario epidemic of three years past. A way to unwind, make friends, chill out and just have fun, even on the darkest and most rainy days. Of course, the wonderful new piece of information technology I'm speaking of is The Facebook.

Gone are the days of Internet journals, where even the most insignificant could complain about even the tiniest nuances of their lives in sweeping, epic detail. Finished are the websites aimed at college students, peddling sex in order to extract precious site-hits from drunken frats brothers, attracted to low-brow headlines like "free sex now." A new age is dawning, and that age is the age of The Facebook.

> *Gone are the days of internet journals, where even the most insignificant could complain...A new age is dawning, and that age is the age of The Facebook...a really cool little invention that is useful.*

Ok, I'm being mostly facetious, but in all sincerity, thefacebook.com is a really cool little invention that is useful not only for tracking down old friends, but also meeting people at your college with similar interests, with whom you probably would have never associated in the first place.

All you do is type in your name, your email address, your school and anything else you want to provide about yourself, heck, even a photograph; then, you're in. It's that simple. I came back to college after Thanksgiving Break to find all my friends here signed on, so I just flipped on my computer and decided to see what all the fuss is about.

What I found was an intricate network of students from all over the globe, a place where you could find those friends you lost track of after high school, or the name of that cute girl from your chemistry class last semester. Type in some interests and, soon enough, you'll find others on the campus just like you, and, if provided, you can get their screen name and get to know them better.

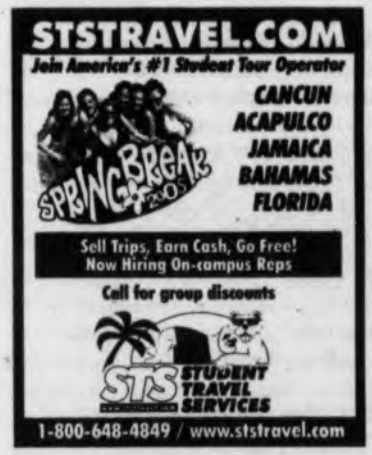
This may sound elementary to some, but it's just a cool little techno-toy you can fiddle around with for a time. The novelty wears off considerably after the first week you're on, yet it's nice to check back week in and week out to see what new friends you've made, or who else has joined that cool club you've created.

Speaking of creating clubs, it is an easy, fun way to reconnect with people from your past. My roommate, interested in checking in with more people from his floor last year, created a club "3 Floor Walz 2003 and Adoptees" to get in touch with anyone he hasn't seen since freshman year.

Got a niche that you think only you can appreciate? Create a club after it and see how many people join. You'd be surprised, even if your club is the "Manatee Lover Association."

Of course there is the issue of stalking. Friends need to be confirmed if they are going to be added to your list of friends, and if you don't want anyone to find out you screen name or cell phone number, don't put it on your profile. It's as simple as that. Compared to the many forms of Internet communities which require a phone number and screen name, as well as an email address, and this site is much safer.

I have reconnected with tons of friends and find it incredibly nice to know that I know this many people in the world, and that this many people would have me as their friend. Sure, some of them are just acquaintances, but hey, having fifty-nine friends and counting is still better than none! I've started my own club, The Undead Poets Society, and am having a bit of fun with this latest craze. It beats the heck out of hearing someone whine about his or her ex in a Livejournal twenty-four-seven.


STSTRAVEL.COM
Join America's #1 Student Tour Operator
CANCUN
ACAPULCO
JAMAICA
BAHAMAS
FLORIDA
Sell Trips, Earn Cash, Go Free!
Now Hiring On-campus Reps
Call for group discounts
STS STUDENT TRAVEL SERVICES
1-800-648-4849 / www.ststravel.com

"There once was a man named Max,
Who was tired of checking his facts.
So he lied a whole bunch,
Based his claims on a hunch
then cleverly covered his tracks."
Good, truthful, articles wanted! Write for Op/Ed
Contact Kate Arney-Cimino x5563 katearneycimino@hotmail.com

On the road of life, heed the signs

Jason Klein
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

A couple of weeks ago, a student was hit by a car while trying to cross Chew Street. Luckily, the student was not critically injured, however my prediction is that the driver will soon be filing a lawsuit against Muhlenberg for not putting up a big yellow pedestrians crossing sign in front of the crosswalk. In a preemptive measure the College administration may be pondering the idea of erecting such a sign. Personally, I think it will work. In fact, I think signs are the answer for all of the problems we face here in the United States. No doubt in my mind, had there been a big yellow pedestrian crossing sign warning drivers on Chew Street that there is a possibility of students crossing the street at the upcoming crosswalks that the accident could have been avoided. Surely the driver, who could not even notice a moving, living, human being crossing the road in the twilight hours, would have been aware of the big yellow inanimate sign.

Some drivers go so fast on Chew Street they do not have time to react, not only to a sign but also to a human crossing the street. I find it ironic that the people who usually speed down Chew Street with disregard to the crosswalks and their warning signs are those who have taken the slowest evolutionary path and still have brain functions equivalent to a paramecium. For these "people" I propose that big yellow signs depicting a car stopping to assist or call 911 after hitting a person crossing the street (instead of speeding away) be erected. There was no sign telling that driver what to do. We should erect the "Stop If You Hit A Student While Driving" signs about 5 feet past each crosswalk. This would surely stop the students being hit by cars epidemic, one big yellow sign ten feet in front of a crosswalk warning moronic drivers that there is a possibility that people may actually be crossing at a crosswalk - and one big yellow sign 5 feet behind the crosswalk reminding the genius drivers to stop if they accidently hit a person.

We need more big yellow signs in the world to tell us what to do. I am absolutely positive that there would be no murders if we had a sign depicting that someone shooting another person with a gun is bad.

Unfortunately, there are still some human beings who are in Darwin's waiting room

I think people just do not realize that, if only we had a sign to tell them. Signs on highways that tell us the speed limit work so well. When was the last time you ever heard of anyone speeding? Never, of course - the signs tell us not to speed, so we don't.

Is it not disturbing to anybody else that Americans lack so much common sense that we need signs to tell us what is right and wrong. The thing is - signs do not work.

If people are going to do something, a big yellow sign is not going to stop them. Stop and really think about it.

A driver who probably didn't see the "No talking on your cell phone while driving sign" was probably cruising along on Chew Street going a little quick because they didn't see the "speed limit" sign. I'd even be willing to bet that the perpetrator was not wearing their seatbelt because, I bet they did not see the "Buckle Up" sign either.

Anyway, this person is cruising along and she fails to notice a human being crossing the street - at a crosswalk no less! How stupid are we to think that if only we had a big yellow pedestrian crossing sign this accident could have been avoided!

No. To think that the moron driving the car, who failed to see the poor girl (who might I just state is doing ok after hours of emergency surgery, thank God it was not more serious) would have seen a big yellow pedestrian crossing sign and then noticed a pedestrian crossing is absolutely ludicrous!

This person probably had the reflexes of a dead turtle and the brains of a sea sponge. For those non-science people please let me elaborate this analogy: dead things do not have reflexes and sea sponges do not have a brain.

Signs are not the answer to the problems we have on campus here or anywhere. Anyone who is stupid enough to hit a person and not stop driving is not going to have his or her behavior or his or her alertness altered by a yellow sign.

If anything it will be more distracting because their primordial brains will take too long to process the information contained on the sign.

Unfortunately there are still some human beings who are in Darwin's waiting room.

Until evolution catches up, we are left with a society loaded with big yellow signs, and with "people"too moronic to comprehend or adhere to the messages the signs convey.

PUB NIGHT

FROM PAGE 3

adult venue and consume adult beverages. Granted, I know some juniors and even sophomores are 21 and could legally attend Senior Pub Nights. It's still an open venue, and I suppose nobody can stop them, but it's still irritating to many of us seniors.

Then there are those who gain entrance with the aid of fake IDs and completely spoil the event. Not only are they breaking the law to crash our party, they are also making it a lot less special, particularly for people like me that never invested in fake driver's licenses for moral reasons and for fear of getting caught. Drinking behind closed doors is one thing, but thumbing your nose at the law while intruding on a party you don't belong at anyway is annoying and disrespectful. Come on now-we waited our 21 years and we work hard as seniors, so don't we deserve our own night out every once in a while?

I feel that non-seniors attending Senior Pub Night are kind of like people attending a cast party who weren't in the show. They weren't present for the whole process, and they just don't have the same cohesiveness with the group. In every other group, class and activity on campus, the class ranks intermingle without issue, which is wonderful. But for this one night every few weeks, I think the seniors should be allowed to feel like the elite.

Other classes should respect the fact that we are nearing the end of our college careers; we are sharing feelings of joy at graduating, trepidation about the future and sadness at the prospect of soon being separated from our friends by more than a dormitory wall. All these overwhelming emotions create a strong camaraderie among the seniors.

It's important for us to bond over our hopes and anxieties about the future, and since we're seniors we might as well bond over mixed drinks as well. Nobody understands seniors like other seniors, so other classes should let us have our nights together.

So, for all those underclassmen out there, I have some advice: just wait until you're a senior-then maybe you'll understand.

Here's what a feminist looks like

Amy Cookson
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

I have a T-shirt I wear that proclaims "This is what a feminist looks like." Actually, I have two "feminist looks like" shirts, one is black and the other is what Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, called Radical Raspberry. Most people would call it bright pink.

The first time I wore this shirt was when I was in Washington, D.C. last semester. The other participants of the program were with me on a field trip. A friend from Gettysburg said he wanted to ask me about my shirt. Why was it pink? Don't feminists hate pink, or was that supposed to be the joke of the T-shirt? We don't hate pink, at least I don't.

My name is Amy, and I am a feminist. However, I have learned that when someone asks me if I'm a feminist, it is easier to ask how he or she defines feminism before I respond.

Some believe the Rush Limbaugh man-hating, hairy-legged femi-nazi is the only type of feminism. Just for the record, I have never met one of these types of feminists.

Some feminists believe in using their sexuality as power, rather than as a hindrance. This type of feminism is often called lipstick feminism. Other feminists would reject the use of sexuality.

I have a friend who does not consider herself a feminist, even though she holds some feminist ideals, because if she could have her way, she would raise her children and be a homemaker. While I and many other feminists would celebrate her choice, she fears she would be looked down upon by feminists.

To me, feminism is about choice. If you want to stay home and raise children and you can afford not to work, more power to you. Feminism recognizes that what is right for one is not necessarily right for another.

To me, feminism is also about equality. During the early 20th century when Alice Paul and the other members of the National Woman's Party were campaigning for women's suffrage, their slogan was "Men their rights and nothing more, women their rights and nothing less." This is how I feel.

Do I believe we live in a patriarchal society? To some extent. Do I think we, as women, are gaining more ground? Absolutely.

Thirty years ago when my mother graduated from law school, she was in the single-digit minority. Now, there are more women attending law school than men.

The women of my mother's generation are still making inroads in society. I'm sure many of you have heard the statistics regarding women as CEOs in Fortune500 companies or as partners in law firms: there aren't many women.

However, even the men who graduated from law school and business school thirty years are not yet running the world. Advancement takes time. Give us a little time, and we'll surprise you.

Study abroad program expands scope

By Michelle Sartor
NEWS EDITOR

The College has recently added many new options for students wishing to study abroad.

According to Dr. Donna Kish-Goodling, Director of International Programs and Associate Professor of Economics, with the old list of options, students had to be majoring in Spanish, French, or German to study abroad in those countries.

With the exception of Italian, only students who were language majors at the College could study in their corresponding countries.

These are called immersion programs, which means all the courses were taught in the country's official language without any classes in English.

Now, upon completing two semesters of a language at the College, students can take four classes in one of these countries.

One course must be in that country's language at the student's current level while the other three are in English. The College already had a program like this for Italian students.

Kish-Goodling said more programs like the Italian one were added because while recruiting for next year, students were asking for more options.

She said, "The enormity of the demand for Italy showed us that the model worked."

According to Kish-Goodling, there are 127 students studying abroad this year. Eleven are in a Spanish immersion program and three are in a French immersion program.

No students are doing a Russian or German immersion program. Therefore, only 11 percent of students studying abroad this year are part of an immersion program.

Twenty-four students are studying in Italy, one is in China, and one is in Japan. In these programs, students take one class in the language and the other three in English. This makes up 20 percent of the students studying abroad.

Therefore, more than two-thirds of the students currently studying abroad take all their classes in English:

Kish-Goodling said over half of these students study in Australia or the British Isles. Other countries with strictly English programs include Denmark, the Netherlands and South Africa.

Kish-Goodling said because Australia and the British Isles are very close to our culture, the majority of students studying abroad is not getting a global perspective.

She said, "We wanted to make the offerings of study abroad truly global."

Options have been added in Germany, Mexico, Russia and Spain for students to use the language skills they have acquired at the College to study without having to be fully immersed in the language.

Students may also study in countries where the official language is not taught at the College.

They take a beginning language class and three additional English classes. There were already a few of these options available but many more have now been added.

According to Kish-Goodling, students can now study in several different countries.

These countries include China to learn Chinese, Egypt in order to learn Arabic, Ghana to learn Twi, Hungary to learn Hungarian, India to learn Hindu, the Netherlands to learn Dutch and Taiwan to learn Chinese.

Additional immersion programs have been added as well, including new options to study in Argentina, France, Germany, Mexico, Russia and Spain.

The College lists Israel as an option for students, but Kish-Goodling said students are not currently permitted to study there because of a travel warning issued by the U.S. State Department.

She said the organization has warned Americans not to go the area.

According to Kish-Goodling, a travel warning could be issued for political, weather or health related reasons. She said, "We will not let students go to any place on the travel warning list."

Kish-Goodling said a great deal of research went into finding new program options for studying abroad.

She said, "We tried to find programs with good track records of success in terms of academic rigor and safety."

She said they tried to find programs that included day and overnight trips to students that were included in tuition and fill the geographical gaps the old list left on the map.

Another important aspect of the potential programs was their cost. The College had to be able to afford the various programs.

The individuals that are involved in these changes are Kish-Goodling, Susan Norling, International Programs Coordinator, Anitra Witkowski, Office Manager for International Programs, and Dr. Christopher Herrick, Faculty Consultant and Risk Manager to Education Abroad.

Once the new options were compiled, they reviewed them with the administration and then chose the most viable options.

Kish-Goodling said that the list of study abroad options is never definite.

Programs can be made unavailable for several reasons. These circumstances include travel warnings, experience ratings, academic considerations and finally, financial constraints.

StudentCity.com
Spring Break
Official Partner Of Maxim Break

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Showers	Showers	Mostly Cloudy
High:53 Low: 45	High: 51 Low: 34	High: 45 Low: 33

OFF CAMPUS

MAN SENT TO PRISON FOR FIVE YEARS FOR DUI ACCIDENT

QUAKERTOWN, PA – Daulton James, 20, of Quakertown pleaded guilty to twenty offenses for driving under the influence (DUI) after being involved in an accident involving a police officer, that occurred on Aug. 20.

Patrolman James Kane was critically injured when James drove into him during a routine traffic stop. After the accident, Kane tried to run away but was later apprehended by police officers.

He had been driving drunk with a suspended license in addition to smoking marijuana.

Pensylvannia drivers can be found guilty of drunk driving if they have a blood-alcohol ratio of 0.08 for people over 21. James' blood-alcohol ratio was 0.19.

The accident left Kane in a coma for some time. Kane now has trouble with his motor skills and suffers from a lack of memory.

James was charged with aggravated assault by a motor vehicle, causing an accident involving injury, fleeing from police, driving with a suspended license and reckless endangerment, among others.

MAYOR PLANS TO CUT RECREATION

ALLENTOWN, PA – On Monday, Allentown Mayor Roy Afflerbach proposed a series of drastic new measures that he plans to employ if the original budget is not restored by City council.

One of Afflerbach's most drastic cuts would involve the Department of Community and Economic Development. The mayor would eliminate the bureaus of park maintenance and recreation, affecting almost 30 employees.

The cut would also close swimming pools and eliminate city-sponsored special events.

Furthermore, Afflerbach would eliminate 12 police positions, 10 patrol officers and 15 firefighter positions in addition to closing one of the city's fire stations.

Other cuts in positions would include the city's animal control officer, the Special Events and Cultural Affairs and human relations officer, who responds to discrimination complaints.

Afflerbach also stated that he would cut the salary of the Police Chief.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

SLIPPER

FROM PAGE 1

Ross. "We really wanted the girls to feel comfortable and not embarrassed."

"The students there made me feel like a princess," said Louise Torres, an eleventh grade student who attends the Communities in Schools (CIS) program in Allentown, and who attended the Glass Slipper Project this past weekend.

The organizers worked hard to spread the word about the project to the surrounding community.

Throughout the semester, organizers contacted high schools and middle schools throughout the area, as well as other organizations to raise awareness about the event.

"We sent flyers to advertise the event and offered to speak in person about it," said Ross. "Our efforts deemed to be successful, since everyone left holding something with which they were happy."

"It was so wonderful to see the smiles on the girls' faces as they received dresses," said Lindsey Knepp, Assistant Director of Community Service and one of the event's planners.

The event tied together many organizations within the College such as Casa Guadaloupe, the IMPACT group, Pinebrook and the College Admissions Program (CAP). It also included organizations in the surrounding community such as Allen High School, the Girl Scouts and the YMCA.

"It was so wonderful to see the smiles on the girls' faces as they received dresses."

Lindsey Knepp,
Asst. Director of Community Service

"We received a call to send some extra dresses to Trexler Middle School as well," said Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service.

"The dresses were given to girls for their 8th grade dance," she stated.

In total, the Glass Slipper Project gave away 78 dresses to girls, who, according to Ross, were "very enthusiastic about it."

Students donated dresses, shoes and accessories to the Glass Slipper Project, which allowed local girls the chance to attend their proms and dances in style.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

"It was great to see my senior prom dress on another young lady," said Ross, "and see that she will be able to enjoy a garment that's been sitting in my closet for years."

The organizers of the event felt that it bridged the gap between the College and the surrounding community.

"It's a great way to reach out to our neighbors and make them happy," said Ross.

"Making people happy is what community service is all about," she stated.

Currently, the Glass Slipper Project will not be made into an annual event, since it was difficult to obtain a large volume of donations.

Ross believes that it could likely become an event that takes place in alternating years.

"I'm really lucky that the College held the event this year," said Torres. "Hopefully they can have it again next year to give other students a chance."

Any items left over from the event will be donated to local charities.

GREEK

FROM PAGE 1

a questionnaire, and on Sept. 30, the Task Force held a student forum to obtain feedback from both Greek and non-Greek students.

Student involvement was a critical component of the Task Force.

They served as equal participants on the committee, as they had an equal voice in committee and subcommittee and "added a great deal," according to Moyer.

In fact, the entire committee has been applauded by Helm of doing "a remarkable job of working together" and tackling Greek Life on a "fairly specific level," especially during the summer session subcommittees.

Although the Task Force ultimately reached a consensus, the committee's conversation were often difficult and emotive.

Moyer points out that in order to progress, the conversation needed to be framed so that it didn't seem like an attack.

This was considered necessary particularly because many of the topics discussed were "personal in very sensitive ways."

Yet, as echoed by Bipps, the committee's investment in difficult conversations is a great model for the future of Greek Life.

"Everyone- administration, faculty, students, alum- needs to refrain from judgment until they have all the information" and then "Talk about it! Talk," Bipps said.

In fact, the final report submitted by the Task Force focused on the need for consistent communication amongst all constituents as the key to future success.

The co-chairs recognized that communication is in fact a weakness in the College Community in several ways, and that it is most important to keep the channels of conversation open especially among constituents on campus.

Also, according to Moyer, "If the recommendations are accepted by the President, the role of Chris Jachimowicz, Muhlenberg's Greek Life Advisor, will be pivotal to the success of Greek Life."

Jachimowicz will need to maintain consistent communication on and off campus.

The final report did not, as insisted by both Bipps and Moyer, "decide that Greek life is in crisis."

In fact, Helm, himself a member of a Greek fraternity, is "convinced that such affiliations can be positive leadership development and character-building experiences in many ways."

Helm understands "Greek life isn't the right experience for everyone," but is still "supportive of Greek Life as a means of character and leadership development for students who find that approach congenial."

"I hate it when people say the administration is "anti-Greek" because it's just not true," said Helm.

"That wouldn't be fair to the Greek organizations, and it wouldn't be satisfactory to many of our students who have little or no interest in Greek life," he said.

Since the final report's deadline was extended by one month and has just reached the President's desk, the President's formal decision and implementation will likewise be postponed.

Yet, unofficially, President Helm has echoed the insistence of both Bipps and Moyer in saying, "nobody is talking about eliminating the Greek system" as in other small liberal arts colleges, i.e. Amherst, Williams, Colby and Hamilton.

Instead, Helm is "determined to strengthen the system as a vehicle for character and leadership development" through close partnership with the Greek alum in addition to a commitment to communication.

"We need to clarify and better communicate our expectations of Greek organizations," said Helm, and then, "we need to manage those expectations."

President Helm's reaction was preliminary, but he is already in the process of determining an official response and implementation plan, which will be shared both with the Board of Trustees and with the campus.

HELP WANTED

Business Internship Opportunity!!!

Student development company ***COLLEGE PRO*** is seeking individuals with ***leadership*** abilities to run their own franchise!

Contact for more info:
Jeremy Morgan at (610) 524-5421
jmorgan@collegepro.com

BINGE

FROM PAGE 1

consumed in one weekend at the College.

According to the campaign's literature, binge drinking occurs when men consume five or more drinks in one sitting or women consume four or more drinks in one sitting.

The idea of one drink is also somewhat unclear to students who may tend to overestimate the amount of a serving size.

> *"We have a lot of evidence that students at Muhlenberg are binge drinking. I was thrilled that they chose this topic."*
>
> Dr. Kahlenberg,
> Asst. Professor of Communication

To help clarify this issue, the campaign's table had a game with four glasses set up.

Students had to indicate where they would fill each glass up with alcohol if they were drinking in a social situation.

Then the students running the campaign converted the amount indicated into serving sizes.

According to Dr. Susan Kahlenberg, Assistant Professor of Communication and instructor of Health Communication, the goal of this game was to help students see how much they are actually drinking.

Kahlenberg said oftentimes students will fill a glass to the top and may not realize that in reality, the are drinking the equivalent of nearly two servings of alcohol.

The students created a documentary video about binge drinking for the campaign, which ran continuously throughout the day.

Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services, and Jane Schubert, Assistant to the Dean of Students, appeared in the video.

Additional footage included clips of the group crawling around in the dumpters on campus collecting empty beer cans and bottles.

Although Kahlenberg chose the topic of alcohol for the students' campaign, it was their decision to focus on binge drinking.

Chelsea Gomez '05, one of the students involved in the campaign, said, "We chose binge drinking because of the problem Muhlenberg has had with sending students to the hospital."

The students involved said the goal of the campaign is not to encourage abstaining from alcohol.

Nikki Dilks '06 said, "We're not telling people not to drink. We're just telling them to drink responsibly."

Kahlenberg said the goal of the campaign was to educate students about binge drinking and make them think about their own habits with alcohol.

The students were given a $200 budget for their campaign.

Some of this money went toward having teal t-shirts made for the event. Gomez said they chose teal because it is the substance abuse awareness color.

Giant Food donated other materials, and the students received additional information and pamphlets from the Health Center.

Kahlenberg, who is also a member of the Presidential Task Force on Alcohol Abuse, said, "We have a lot of evidence that students at Muhlenberg are binge drinking. I was thrilled they chose this topic."

> *"We chose binge drinking because of the problem Muhlenberg has had with sending students to the hospital."*
>
> Chelsea Gomez '05

She thinks student involvement is a good way to help implement the College's policies.

The ultimate goal of a campaign such as this is to change behavior, but Kahlenberg pointed out that cultural changes take a long time.

She said, "On the short term, they can get students to think about what they're doing."

Kahlenberg heard evidence of that while walking down Academic Row behind two male students who were making thoughtful comments about the posted facts and statistics.

She also said she saw how students were thinking about the issue while they played the serving size game.

Both the student organizers and Kahlenberg thought the campaign was successful.

Gomez said, "A lot of people came by the table." Kahlenberg thinks students learned a lot from the campaign.

Kahlenberg assigned a tobacco campaign for the remainder of her students in Health Communication.

The tobacco campaign is the Smoke Out, which is focusing on social smokers and is occurring today in Seegers Union from 10:30 a.m to 2:30 p.m.

Campus Safety Notes

Dec. 1 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in East Hall due to a maintenance crew from Plant Operations spraying something in a student's room.

Dec. 2 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off on the first floor of South Hall. The reason remains unknown.

Dec. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – A housekeeper in Walz Hall discovered food thrown around the fourth floor center lounge and a hole kicked in the wall.

Dec. 3 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 432 Albright St. due to residents forgetting about soup they were cooking on the stovetop.

Dec. 3 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off on the second floor of Benfer Hall. Burnt popcorn was the cause of the alarm.

Dec. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – A light fixture in the first floor hallway of Martin Luther Hall was found broken with glass on the floor.

Dec. 3 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off on the third floor of Martin Luther Hall due to someone playing with the sprinkler valves. Campus Safety officers found nothing broken upon investigation.

Dec. 3 – Vehicle Violation – An illegally parked and unregistered vehicle was found in the Seegers Union parking lot. It was discovered that the car belonged to a first-year student.

Dec. 4 – Institutional Vandalism – Broken glass from a fire extinguisher cabinet was discovered in East Hall.

Dec. 4 – Suspicious Vehicle – Campus Safety officers noticed that a suspicious vehicle had been driving around the area. They pulled the car over and checked the identification of the two occupants. The officers advised the individuals to stay away from the area since they had no legitimate purpose for being there.

Dec. 4 – Injured Student – A student in Walz Hall felt dizzy and fainted, striking her head on the floor. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital for treatment of her injuries.

Dec. 4 – Harassment – Students living at 2442 Tilghman St. reported that their neighbor, a city resident, was complaining about the students and was yelling at them and throwing objects in the yard. Campus Safety officers discussed the issue with all parties involved to alleviate tension.

Dec. 6 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Clifford Burwell, Jr. '07 was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol and public drunkenness. He was discovered in the Martin Luther parking lot on North 22nd St. in an intoxicated state.

Dec. 6 – Suspicious Person – A suspicious individual walked into one of the buildings in MacGregor Village. When questioned, he said he was looking for room 103. According to the official Campus Safety report, the individual was tall (about 6'), heavyset and was wearing dark clothes.

Dec. 6 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off on the first floor of South Hall due to steam from cooking popcorn.

Dec. 7 – Injured Student – A student in Prosser Hall cut a finger and was transported by MCEMS to a local hospital for treatment to the hurt finger.

WANT TO WRITE FOR
THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY
NEWS SECTION THIS SEMESTER?
CALL MICHELLE AT EXT. 4464
OR LAURA AT EXT. 4865

WEEKLY

life!

"Reality continues to ruin my life."

-Calvin and Hobbes

This holiday season, giving gifts gives back

Ten Thousand Villages benefits both consumer and producer

By Jacqueline Starner
Asst. Life! Editor

Drums and other instruments handcrafted in India were among the many diverse items for sale at Ten Thousand Villages.

Photo by Jacqueline Starner

An array of products made by artisans in third world countries compiled the whole of the Ten Thousand Villages Sale, held Dec. 1 and 2. Students could purchase wooden giraffe statues carved in Africa, handmaid jewelry or onyx candle holders. Some of the larger items included a colorful kite produced in Indonesia and a large wooden statue reminiscent of African tradition that also served as a CD holder.

Many items made specifically for the holiday season were also being sold: glass ornaments and paper garland from India, menorahs and hand-carved nativity scenes. Overall $20,000 worth of merchandise was being offered for sale to students and members of the community.

The Marketing for Non-profit class hosted the sale and has been working all semester on the project. The two student coordinators for the class, Mike Piontek '05 and Lauren Fields '05, attended weekly meetings with the Office of Community Service to put the sale together. Fields and Piontek also worked with people from Ten Thousand Villages to get the merchandise shipped. The other members of the class were split into committees responsible for coordinating different aspects of the sale.

Ninety percent of the profits made from the sale will be given to Ten Thousand Villages, which is a non-profit program of Mennonite Central Committee. Ten Thousand Villages will use the proceeds from those who made purchases to improve the quality of life for artisans in low-income countries, who, without the help of this organization, would be unemployed or underpaid. From Ten Thousand Villages, artisans gain stability because they can count on consistent purchases of their goods, and they receive a fifty percent advance for operating costs before their orders are shipped, Once the order is received by Ten Thousand Villages, the artisans promptly receive the remainder of the payment due.

Ten Thousand Villages was created around the principle of fair trade. As a member of both the International Fair Trade Association and the Fair Trade Federation, this organization only trades with artisan groups who value the welfare of their members and pay fair wages. Fair trade helps artisans more than direct aid because through fair trade, artisans are able to build sustainable futures for themselves using their artistic talents.

The other ten percent of the profits from the Ten Thousand Villages sale will be donated by the Office of Community Service to the Global AIDS Alliance.

Ten Thousand Villages took place at Muhlenberg last year and will take place annually with the help of future Marketing for Non-profit classes.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

DO YOU BELIEVE IN SANTA?

"I believe that Santa takes care of older people and not just children. You just have to believe."

-Brandon Girouard '08

"Not only do I believe in him, I know him and hate him."

-Wes Hardy '08

"Yes, and he took me down to his pole."

-Kirill Meleshevich '08

"I am santa. No, really. I'm freelance. Call me."

-John Dunphy '06

"I know that the physical being cannot exist, but the concept of him makes up the spirit of Santa Claus."

-Kennedy Kanagawa '08

A beautiful blend of voices in song

There's nothing ordinary about the Girls Next Door

The Girls Next Door performed in the chapel this past weekend. Not only were their songs music to the audience's ears, they were also visually entertaining.

PHOTO BY AMY COOKSON

By Jackie Starner
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

The Girls Next Door (GND), the College's all-female a cappella group, performed last Saturday night for a chapel full of audience members. Penn 6-5,000, an all-male a cappella group from Penn State, opened for the girls. Penn 6-5,0000 is popular for their witty parodies, like the one they performed on Saturday: "I want my RA" sung to the tune of the Backstreet Boy's "I want it that way."

The GND keep in touch with a cappella groups from other colleges, and the groups help each other by opening for each other's shows; this has become a common practice. To help an all-male a cappella group at the University of Connecticut (UConn), the GND took a road trip this year to UConn and opened for the group.

Some of the songs that were performed by the GND on Saturday included "Both Hands" by Ani DeFranco, "You Gotta Be" by Des'ree, and "The Shoop-Shoop Song," originally performed by Betty Everett in the sixties and remade by Cher in 1991.

Brook Steinhauser, soloist for "Both Hands", said of the concert, "It went really well. I was pleased with our audience. We have a lot of fun playing off each other on stage while still making quality music."

Indeed, the girls did seem to be having fun onstage, which in turn caused the audience to have a good time as well. However, though the girls were joking around on stage, they take their music very seriously and worked hard to put Saturday's Winter Concert together. The GND sang with grace, and their voices blended beautifully.

In an average week, the group practices three times for an hour and a half to two hours each session. The girls meet to practice their old repertoire and to learn new songs. They try to learn about five new songs each semester. Four new songs

SEE **GIRLS** | PAGE 12

All aboard *The Polar Express*

A trip with nonstop service right down memory lane

By Max Lux
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

MOVIE *REVIEW*

I approached *The Polar Express* the way I would any G-rated film, with a realization that it was probably dull kiddie fare that would be about as entertaining as a documentary on sod (that is to say, not very). Mixed in with my lack of excitement was my recognition of the sub-par reviews the film garnered (and my already cinema-wary viewpoint after the debacle with the acclaimed, yet all-too-horrible *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*).

There were two things, however, that brought me to see this film: boredom and movie theatre nachos. Truth be told, though, I was surprised with what I actually saw.

If you haven't read the short picture book that the "major motion picture" is based upon, here's a quick recap (come on, it's like, fifteen pages with pictures). Boy boards giant phantom train that appears out of no where. Boy is whisked on a magical journey to the North Pole. Boy meets Santa and believes in the true spirit of Christmas. The large, lush oil illustrations are breathtaking, as well as the whimsical way in which the story is told.

The book is honestly beautiful, but there isn't material enough for an hour and a half long movie. So, the director, Robert-"*Back to the Future*"-Zemeckis decided to take a few liberties with the text, with interesting results.

The audience is presented with an astounding, animated interpretation of the original book's pictures, with muted, warm lights meeting cool, white snow, all rendered in Computer Generated Imagery (CGI). The human characters are very lifelike and fluid, and you can even count the number of individual hairs on their heads. Each of the living characters has the most incredible eyes. They were lifelike and clear.

Truth be told, as in many a CGI-film, the detail is intricate. The audience misses some of the plot; they are so involved and engrossed in the scenery. Watching a film such as this is a very unique experience. It is almost as if you are in the movie.

The plot, as previously stated, gets more complex. Instead of a quick trip up north, we are introduced to some of the children on the train: the little-boy protagonist who has lost his faith in Santa, the girl who is a strong stubborn leader, the tiny recluse who has never had a real Christmas and the callous, annoying nerd. All well

SEE POLAR | PAGE 11

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Alexander
Fri. 9:15
Sat. 9:15

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Blade: Trinity
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

The Incredibles
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Polar Express
Fri. 4:40, 7:00
Sat. 1:40, 4:40, 7:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:00

Christmas with the Kranks
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

National Treasure
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Ocean's Twelve
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Catholic School Girls: definitely not a mortal sin

By Dan McClung
Weekly Life! Writer

Catholic School Girls, performed last weekend as one of the "New Visions" mainstage productions, is very abrupt in its satire of Catholic education. It audaciously gathers up every stereotype regarding its subject matter and applies them to four girls as they progress through school, from first through eighth grade, covering everything from mortal sin to menstrual cycles.

The play begins with an adult Elizabeth McHugh (Amie Lytle '07) clad in a business suit looming ominously about her former classroom, interrupted by the entrance of four first grade girls, including McHugh as a younger version of herself. Humorous bickering and youthful interpretations of religious practices open the play on a light note, and much of the yarn unfolds amidst similar interactions between the four. Juvenile feuds, instructors both cruel and senile and puberty encroach upon the lives of the students.

McHugh and the other girls, Colleen (Jessica Whitney Ball '05), Maria Theresa (Kim David '07) and Wanda (Jessica Kaufman '05) are given distinctly different personalities that each seem as if they are representations of generic high school clichés.

The actresses also each play one of four nuns, and the character switches are executed smoothly. Through scattered soliloquies, the audience is given brief illustrations of the girls outside of class, adding a more solemn tone to the play; Maria Teresa feels neglected by her family, Colleen recounts her embarrassment regarding the exposure of her menstruation by a nun, Wanda feels alienated by her intelligence and dreams of being a dancer and Elizabeth expresses frustration with religion.

> *"The solid acting and production made for an enjoyable bit of theatre."*

These solemn scenes bookend the classroom silliness, yet what ultimately arises is a rather clockwork feel to the progression; the first set of soliloquies and classroom antics surround a talent show, and the second formulate around a dance in which members of the audience were included as male characters.

The play itself is a bit too overt and too general in its send-up of religious education, and playwright Casey Kurtti doesn't seem to know when to ease back on the pageantry and let the ironies speak for themselves. She falls into the trap to which many contemporary playwrights succumb and uses an almost made-for-television convention.

There are some genuinely funny moments, as when Sr. Mary Agnes enters as two of the girls are attempting to save statues of Mary and Jesus from what they believe to be an impending explosion, yet the play is too inflated with simple laughs and not courageous enough with its satire.

When Elizabeth looms back onstage very suddenly in her business suit at the

SEE **CATHOLIC** | PAGE 12

Student Spotlight: Lauren Britton

Giving back to Allentown youth and the community"

By Jenna Fletcher
Weekly Life! Writer

"So many of us at Muhlenberg have so much to give," says Lauren Britton '05. While many of us at Muhlenberg may or may not give back to our community, Britton devotes a large part of her life to trying to make the world a better place.

On campus, Britton serves on the Executive Board of Students Have a Real Effect (SHARE), as the College Community Outreach Coordinator, and has a job working in the Office of Community Service, assisting Valerie Lane. As the College Community Outreach Coordinator, Britton's job is to act as liason between faculty and students, communicating different service ideas and fundraisers.

For the College in general, she has had a hand in planning events such as Dance for a Cure, the Pinebrook Christmas Party and Ten Thousand Villages. In addition to this, Britton devotes a large portion of her time to Sister to Sister and Impact.

Britton first got involved with community service her freshmen year at Muhlenberg as a member of Best Buddies. From there, her involvement with the department escalated as she and Megan Lamb '05 discussed ways they could become more involved with service in the Allentown community. Their sophomore year, the two friends opened a chapter of Sister to Sister at the College.

Sister to Sister is a program in which every week a group of students of the College go to a Caring Place, which is a place in Allentown for children and teens to go after school. Members of Sister to Sister do activities with girls who frequent the Caring Place.

"It's not just about being a mentor to the girls, but you become a friend," says Britton. "They always look forward to us coming and hate it when we can't come a Monday because of a break. A lot of times, the girls will come up to us with hugs."

Britton also works with a program called Impact. New to the campus this year, Impact is a program that sets Muhlenberg students up with juvenile delinquents and enables the Muhlenberg students to become a positive influence in these young lives.

Lauren Britton '05 gives back to her community.

PHOTO BY AMANDA PHILLIPS

In addition to this, Britton is also involved with community service through her sorority Phi Sigma Sigma, for which she is the Public Relations chair. For Greek Make a Difference Day, Britton and the other sisters in Phi Sigma Sigma cleaned up the 6th Street Shelter. Through Phi Sigma Sigma, Britton and the other sisters raise money for cystic fibrosis and the National Kidney Foundation. "My sisterhood, in general, is really geared towards community service," says Britton.

This seems like a great fit for her, since so much of Britton's life both here at Muhlenberg and at home is geared toward community service. Over the upcoming winter break, Britton would like to volunteer at the local hospital.

Though graduating this spring, Britton has no intention of changing her service oriented way of life. "Helping people is something that's always going to be an important aspect of my life," says Britton. The art history and anthropology double major has aspirations of moving to New York City to pursue a career in public relations. "I don't want to make what I do a 9 to 5 job," she says, "I want this to be something special and extra I give of myself."

POLAR

FROM PAGE 10

and good, but the secondary cast seems superfluous. This is the boy's story, and the audience is supposed to relate to his singular journey--why muck it up with a bunch of bickering youth?

Interspersed into the film as well, is a pathetic, moronic and completely draining song sung by the tiny recluse, about how he's been forgotten by Santa. It's long, it's terrible and it grates on even the most patient of nerves.

Tom Hanks is the big star name attached to the film, and his voice is lent to five characters, to varying effect. First off is the Train Conductor, a jolly soul who is the guiding force behind this series of fortunate events. Here, Hanks is grandious; he is loud, boisterous and full of energy and joy, kind of like a hummingbird on amphetamines, but nicer.

Next, Hank plays the boy's father--kind, stern and loving. Finally, he plays a ghostly drifter on the train who repeatedly nearly sends the protagonist to a painfully gruesome doom, much like a scene from *Home Alone*.

I seriously enjoyed this film, with the exception of the whining children on screen and in the audience. Despite skepticism that children should get on phantom trains with strangers offering to take them to meet "Santa," it's all in good fun. The chase scenes are I-MAX-style, but otherwise everything is alive and beautiful. Depending on your stomach for Mr. Hanks, this movie is a must see.

Spring Break
from $489
Bahamas, Cancun, Acapulco, Jamaica!

Free Parties, Free Drinks.
Sign up early and save.
Organize a small group and you travel free.
Or, sell more and get paid commission.

Call 1-800-438-7861

horoscopes

By Supah Freek and various holiday carols

Aries

"The fire is slowly dying, but my dear we're still goodbye-ing." My goodness--can't you take your hands off each other for even a second? Really. Not everyone on campus is amused by your canoodling, and your roomate is sick of getting an anatomy lesson everytime she walks into the room. So detach from each other for 2.5 seconds and try talking. Wait, what's his name again?

Taurus

"You better watch out. You better not cry." I know, I know. Your professor says they are giving you this hard exam AND a paper for your own good. But he's actually just doing it to be malicious. See that sinister look in his eye? He's getting his jollies from watching you suffer. But don't cry, because then not only will you fail, but you'll look like a wuss too. Suck it up.

Gemini

"A thrill of hope; the weary world rejoices." Yes, there is a glimmer of hope in the future, and it's called the end of classes, the end of exams and the beginning of a month-long sleep. Yes, my friend, I am speaking of winter break. So, stop pulling out your hair, because it will be over soon enough, and no one likes a bald kid anyway. Besides, there's no Fro Yo at home.

Cancer

"And when it's dry and ready, my dreidle I will play." Of course, dreidle's not the only thing you've been playing lately, and you know what I'm talking about. Stop jumping the gun and playing with things that aren't ready to be played. Because if you touch the dreidle before he...I mean it's...ready, it won't be very fun to play with at all. No one likes a soggy dreidle.

Leo

"All is calm. All is bright." And you too shall have this calm should you engage in certain "special substances" around this time of year. Sure, these things seem great in the short term, but it all starts with borrowing someone's ADHD meds. Before you know it, you've got a coke habit, and we're not talking about the cola variety.

Virgo

"All I want for Christmas is you." Gee thanks, I'm flattered! Really. I mean, I always thought you kind of liked me from the way you looked at me from across the bar. Oh, and the time you knocked on my door at 2 a.m. smelling of booze--boy, was that endearing. And the way you manhandled me at the last social--that was great...Must be true love.

Libra

"C'mon it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you." Actually, it's pretty crappy outside. Yep, one of the little "perks" of living in the Lehigh Valley is that it's cold enough to be miserable, but not cold enough for 2 feet of snow. And even when it is, no one here knows how to use a plow anyway. God bless Allentown and being snowed...er...rained in.

Scorpio

"And heaven and nature sing." As do you, except that unlike heaven and nature, you kind of suck. It's ok if you're around close friends, because they suck just as much as you do, but I wouldn't suggest trying out for the Girls Next Door or anything. Maybe you should just quit while you're ahead and play some classical music. Or Manheim Steamroller--they're great.

Sagittarius

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly. Fa la la la la la la la la." La dee fricken da. I'm sure glad you're enjoying decorating your room, hall and floor, but are all those lights REALLY necessary? I mean, I'm all for holiday spirit, but there comes a time, my friend, when you need to put down the tinsle and be productive. Oh yeah, and you're failing biology.

Capricorn

"From now on our troubles will be miles away" That's right, when you leave for home, your troubles (your failing grades, your fight with your boyfriend, your knack for slipping on Academic Row) really will be far away. But what awaits you at home? Mom's nagging and old meatloaf, dad's questions about your future and a whole lot of chores. Bet you can't wait!

Aquarius

"So he said, 'let's run and we'll have some fun now before I melt away.'" Riiight. Don't listen to everything those older guys tell you. He won't melt if you don't "run" with him, and you might not have "fun" if you do. Trust me, kiddo, the only things you're going to get out of "running" with this guy are "frosty" looks from his girlfriend.

Pisces

"And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glowed (like a light bulb)." That's right, you've seen the glow before. No, it's not the lights on the tree. No, it's not post-coital glow from your lover. No, it's not even the glow of a full moon at night. It's the glow of the neon signs of Ye Old Tavern, and it's the last day of class.

CATHOLIC | FROM PAGE 11

end, it doesn't appear that anything significant has occurred. The production was well executed in spite of some issues with the source material.

The acting was good; Jessica Kaufman '05, notable for her spot-on portrayal of aging Sr. Mary Agnes, provided for much of the play's humor.

Joe Stephanelli '05's direction was fluid and the blocking was good, although the production and Kurtti's dialogue style may have benefited from a quicker pace. I appreciated the subtle touches, such as the sounds of deviant behavior before the lights came up and the seamless transitions of the actresses between their nun and student roles.

Catholic School Girls was well executed and provided an entertaining yet cliché investigation of the rather exclusionary learning that is Catholic education. Though I was disappointed by the lack of courage by the playwright, the solid acting and production made for an enjoyable bit of theatre.

GIRLS | FROM PAGE 10

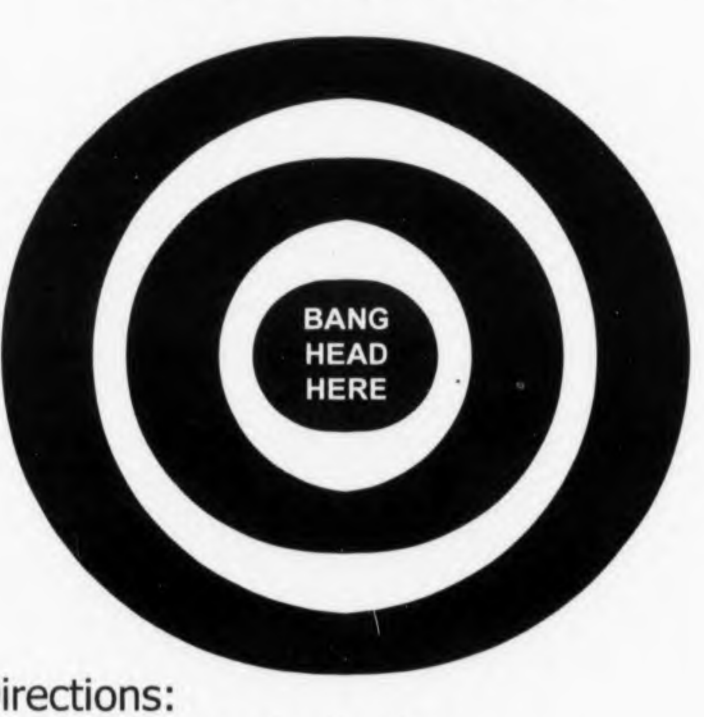
were performed in Saturday's concert. The group builds their repertoire by allowing each senior to pick a new song to teach group. The seniors are the featured soloists in the songs they pick. It is important to the group to have a varied repertoire, so that they can tailor their shows to the audiences for which they are performing.

The Winter Concert was the final show for the GND this semester. This semester, the group performed four shows in addition to Saturday's concert and sung the National Anthem at the homecoming football game.

The group is not having auditions for new members at the beginning of next semester because with thirteen members the group is already big enough. The group needs to be kept small to protect the quality of the music; also, when new members are added the group needs time to adjust to their new voices. However, after the four seniors leave in May, the GND will hold auditions in the fall to again create a unique blend.

OFFICIAL FINALS WEEK STRESS BUSTER!

Brought to you by Life!



Directions:

1.) Place page on hard surface.
2.) Bang head repeatedly on center of bullseye until stress is lessened or unconcious.
3.) Repeat if necessary.

DISCLAIMER: ANY INJURIES SUSTAINED ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO USE THIS AS A METHOD OF STRESS REDUCTION ARE SOLEY THE PART OF THE HEAD-BANGER, AND THUS THE HEAD-BANGER'S RESPONSIBILITY. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ACTUALLY RECOMMEND SOFT MUSIC, A NICE HOT SHOWER, AND A BAGEL BOMB.

OH, AND **WRITE FOR LIFE!**

Strengthening bonds

Mule Profile: Tiffany Kirk

Tiffany Kirk rotates between the positions of shooting guard, small forward and power forward in each game.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

By Robin DeCicco
Sports Editor

Junior Tiffany Kirk is a busy student; she is involved in her sorority, Delta Zeta, and writes for various school publications; however, the organization she remains most committed to is, without a doubt, the basketball team.

Not only is Kirk a starter on the team, but she rotates between the positions of shooting guard, small forward and power forward in each game. She also helps orchestrate team get-togethers to ensure that all team members continue to bond and become closer.

"We are a very close group of girls," said Kirk. "As freshmen, we all became friends, and ever since then our friendships have only grown stronger." Although Kirk has made friends through other activities on campus, she admits that there is not a closer group of girls she calls her "friends" than on the basketball team.

"Since the day I joined the team as a freshman, the upperclassmen constantly stressed the importance of teamwork and spending time together outside of practice. This mentality of teamwork has definitely carried through to this year, and I believe the major reason as to why we have been successful can be attributed to the fact that we are so close," said Kirk.

To prove just how close this team is, Kirk mentioned that every team member from the past three years came to support them during the Scotty Wood Tournament. The alumni cheers must have motivated the Mules, since this year marked the first time in College history that the team won the tournament in back-to-back years.

Kirk is impressed with the team's performance at Scotty Wood and feels that the tournament provided "quality practice time" before entering the official season.

"The win at Scotty Wood was a great confidence booster, in the sense that we know we are capable of challenging other teams and have a real shot at winning future games," said Kirk.

In terms of this season, Kirk's overall goal is to win the Centennial Conference and make it to the NCAA's. She believes this is a realistic goal because every team member is extremely dedicated to making this a winning season.

Individually, Kirk hopes to continue improving on taking shots when she is balanced and in the best possible position on the court.

"Last year, I shot the ball all of the time, regardless of where I was standing on the court, so my goal for this season is to get myself in front of the basket, on two feet, and then shoot."

Although Kirk admits she needs to practice shooting, her statistics do not seem to agree. Last year, in a game against Haverford College, she shot six three-pointers, ranking second in College history for the most three-pointers made in a single game. Kirk mostly attributes the success of this game to the encouragement from her teammates. "I remember hearing the entire team cheer and shout right before I made my final shot, which gave me so much confidence."

Even though this particular game was a special one for Kirk, she said that no matter what game the team is playing, or where their game is, the girls motivate and support each other all of the time. Before each game, it is a ritual for them to all stand in a circle and chant a specific cheer to pump them up (Kirk did not want to jinx the team's success by reporting the words of the cheer).

Moreover, Kirk remains eager for this season to get under way, in which she and her teammates will have a solid shot at clinching the Centennial Conference. Hearing Kirk talk about the team, it is apparent that she thoroughly enjoys participating in a successful organization, and that she always wants basketball to be a part of her life.

When discussing Kirk's plans after College, she was not completely certain of a career path, but is definitely sure that she wants to coach basketball at some point. Coaching a high school team remains appealing to her, although one of her dreams is to coach a college team--we may have a future Muhlenberg coach in the works.

Studying too much?
No time to eat?

Think Again!
Try our minute meals at
the
POWERHOUSE
café

Save study time by picking up one of our delicious minute meals and heating them up in seconds!!

Fabulous Fast Food for Finals!

Buy any minute meal and receive a soda or coffee free!
Limit one Coupon per person - Offer expires 12/17/04

This Week in Review

MEN'S BASKETBALL
vs. Washington, Won 85-64

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
vs. Washington, Won 101-62
vs. DeSales, Lost 83-98

WRESTLING
Petrofes Invitational, 9th place

’Berg clinches Centennial Conference opener

By Tara DeMarzo
Weekly Sports Writer

MEN’S BASKETBALL

The Mules are 4-1 going into their last week of play before winter break. This past Saturday, they won their first C.C. game against Washington (Md.) 85-64.

Washington had an 11-0 run and led 20-9 with 11:20 remaining in the first half; however, the Mules adjusted from man-to-man to zone defense and then outscored the Shoremen, 26-7, over the rest of the half, thus entering the lockerroom up 35-27.

Sophomore Brandon Mefford explains the defensive change stating, “We started out playing man and then we switched to a zone to give them a different look. The result was that they couldn’t figure out our zone, and we played very well having them force bad shots... We used it the rest of the game, and it worked.”

It definitely did as the Mules not only outplayed their opponent on the defensive end, but also dominated on offense, shooting 50 percent from the field as the Shoremen shot 37 percent. The Mules also outrebounded Washington, posting a 45-35 advantage on the boards.

Along with their defensive flexibility, the squad displayed teamwork. Sophomore Jeff Stewart was in and out of the game with foul trouble, and so when the 6’6” Mules center was out, Sophomore Tom Scott was looked upon to take charge with rebounding.

For his performance in last week’s game, Jeff Stewart was named as the C.C. co-player of the week. He had his second double-double this season with 26 points and eleven rebounds. Stewart also scored fourteen free throws in fifteen attempts, the most a C.C. player scored this season.

Junior Jimmy O’Brien sparked things in the second half after the Shoremen caught up within two points of the Mules. The East Stroudsburg, Pa. native sunk a three-pointer and a lay-up starting an 11-0 run, setting the pace for a double-digit lead that the Mules would clutch onto for the remainder of the game. Scott and O’Brien had a team-high four assists each.

Nine out of the ten players to see time on the court added points to the Mules scoreboard. Four of those players posted double figures. Despite only playing 23 minutes due to foul trouble, Stewart still managed a double-double, scoring fifteen points and grabbing a team-leading eleven rebounds.

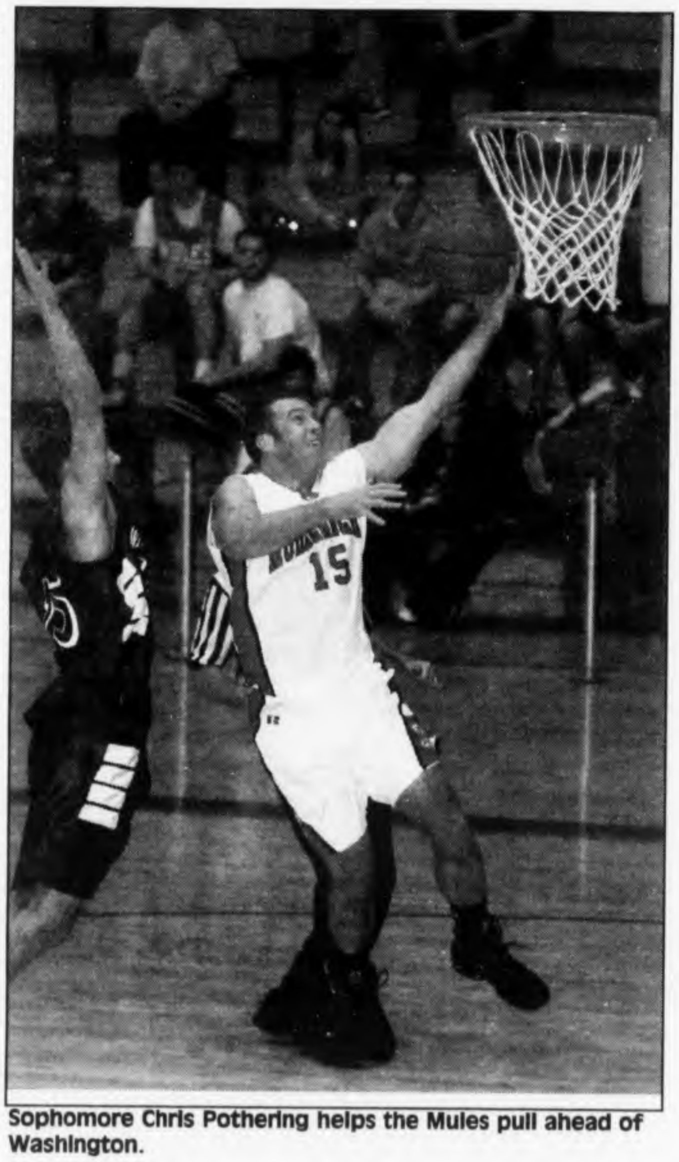
Also scoring double figures were Seniors Ryan Bonda with thirteen and co-Captain Chase Licata with eleven; O’Brien posted fourteen. His classmate Junior Chris Pothering displayed noticeably aggressive defense and added nine points of his own. Captain Dennis Severino had eight points, three assists and three steals on the night. Freshman Greg Pask had six points and five rebounds.

It has been a close game between the Shoremen and the Mules the past few years as the Mules lost 101-98 in 2002 and came back to win last year 91-89 in overtime. There was a hard-working atmosphere on the court this year especially when the switch was made to zone and the teamwork was apparent through the communication to one another.

Senior Donte Borden and Junior Chris Pothering demonstrated this communication, as their defensive efforts were important due to Washington’s playing style. Mefford explained, “When playing a zone, everyone needs to talk because we aren’t playing men--we are playing spaces. By talking, we let each other know where everyone is at all times. In this case, [Borden] and [Pothering] had important rolls due to the offense Washington was playing.”

Coming off a solid 4-1 start, the Mules are confident but realize that they have a lot of work to do. Mefford sums up the team’s attitude saying, “The team’s morale is incredibly high right now. Everyone is motivating each other, and the best part is that we are having fun playing. We just need to make sure we keep practicing hard and not get over confident with our current winning streak.”

The Mules are off to a great start and look to carry their winning streak through their games leading up to winter break.



Sophomore Chris Pothering helps the Mules pull ahead of Washington.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Sophomore Tom Scott and the Mules swept Washington in both men’s and women’s games.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Did You Know?

Shaquille O’Neil wears a new pair of shoes for every game. His shoes aren’t normal size either--Shaq wears a size 22.

http://www.kidzworld.com/site/p228.htm

Write for Sports Next Semester

Contact

Allison Auclair at aauclair@ muhlenberg .edu	Kristen Ziegler at zieg3527@ muhlenberg .edu	Robin DeCicco at deci1827@ muhlenberg .edu

'Berg prepares for C.C. with ninth place finish

By Dylan Moulton
Weekly Sports Writer

WRESTLING

The Mules went to the Petrofes Invitational tournament on Dec. 3 and 4 and returned home with a number of individual place winners.

The Mules' team score (49.5) was high enough to place them ahead of Centennial Conference rival John's Hopkins University (44.5) and Gettysburg College (32). Overall, the Mules placed ninth of twelve teams.

The tournament, which took place at Messiah College, is considered the hardest of the season. Co-Captain Junior Dale Mills commented, "Overall, we had good showing considering we had quite a few guys that sat out with injuries and [considering] how tough the competition was."

Sophomore Michael Tenenhaus, who currently wrestles in the 125 weight class, said, "We were all there to support each other during the matches. It was a good tournament in that respect."

Some of the harder teams at the tournament included: Springfield College, State University of New York at Brockport, Mount Union College and State University of New York College at Oneonta, who placed in the top four, respectively.

None of these schools compete for the Centennial Conference title, but are a benefit to the Mules. Tougher competition gives those going on to the NCAA tournament a better chance of pulling a higher seed.

Individuals who placed within the top three Mule wrestlers were Sophomore Matt Loesch (197), Mills (149) and Freshman Joseph DeCampo (141.)

Loesch earned his third second place ranking in that many tournaments. He had the first seed and won his first three matches by decision. Then he fell in the finals in one minute and forty-two seconds to second seed, Willie Weiss of Brockport. Due to his great performances, Loesch increased overall personal record to 8-3.

Mills wrestled six matches to finish in third place. Though he was ranked second in the pre-tournament seeding, he lost 13-10 in the semi-finals to sixth-ranked Mark Zimmerman of Heidelberg. This brings Mills' record to 7-4.

DeCampo placed seventh out of eighteen contenders in the 141 pound weight-class, winning his final match against Joe Sanders of Oneonta State by fall in four minutes and thirty-five seconds.

DeCampo was losing his final match, 7-0, and came back to pin his opponent in what the team said was the most exciting match of the entire tournament.

Another notable wrestler is Freshman Chris Swensen, who debuted this weekend in the 285 pound weight class and left the tournament with two pins.

"Swensen wrestled real well. We're all proud of him," said Mills of the rookie addition to the 2004 team.

Injuries are already hindering team performance early in the season. Sitting out of the tournament were: Freshman Brian Saval (157), Sophomore John Hesse (184) and Freshman Wes Hardy (184).

Saval is out with a shoulder injury, Hesse hurt his knee and Hardy did not qualify for the tournament because of medical reasons.

The main focus now is on healing and preparing for the Mules' first dual meet against long-standing rival, McDaniel College. The Mules and Green Terror match up well this season and will be a very close match.

McDaniel has a two wins and two losses record so far this season. This is the first Centennial Conference dual meet for both Muhlenberg and McDaniel.

McDaniel is currently ranked fourth in the Centennial Conference. They are right behind John's Hopkins University, who the Mules placed ahead of in this tournament.

The Mules are unranked because they have not had any scored meets.

Sports Schedule

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Men's Basketball			at DeSales at 3:00 p.m.
Women's Basketball			at Drew at 1:00 p.m.
Wrestling	vs. McDaniel at 7:30 p.m.		

Mules with a Kick

Top Mule Athletes of the Week

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

Rebecca Armstrong from the women's soccer team earned a spot on the second Mid-Atlantic team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America with team-leading totals of eight goals and seventeen points. The senior completed her career second all-time at College in assists (20) and third in both points (100) and goals (40). Armstrong received both All-Region and All-Centennial Conference honors in each of her four seasons at College.

James Henshaw received third Mid-Atlantic team honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. His eight goals led the team and were tied for the Centennial Conference lead. The junior was also first on the team with eighteen points scored. Henshaw was named to both the All-Region and All-Centennial Conference teams for the second consecutive season.

Muhlenberg Sophomore Matt Loesch advanced to the 197-pound wrestling finals for the third tournament in a row on the second day of the Petrofes Invitational. Loesch, the top seed in his bracket, won a 6-3 decision in the semifinals but was pinned in 1:40 by the second seed, from Brockport State, in the final.

Loesch also placed second at King's College and Ursinus College this season and has finished first or second in seven of the eight career tournaments in which he participated.

Jimmy O'Brien, a junior on the College men's basketball team aided the Mule win over Washington College, 85-64, improving the team to 4-1 for the first time since 1998.

O'Brien finished the game with fourteen points and led the mules in assists with four. Thanks to his successful season last year, O'Brien leads the Centennial Conference in three-point shooting, at 47 percent. He is also second on the team in rebounding, shooting, assists and steals, and averages 13.2 points per game.

Stephanie Coluccini, a junior on the College women's basketball team, notched her second double-double in three games with a career-high nineteen points and ten rebounds as the Muhlenberg women's basketball team defeated Washington last weekend. Coluccini, the first College player to score more than fifteen points in a game this year, also had five steals.

Senior outside linebacker Ryan Peer earned second-team honors to the All-South Region team by Don Hansen's Weekly Football Gazette. The Centennial Conference defensive player of the year led the Mules with 70 tackles and four forced fumbles. He also was second on the team in tackles for loss (seventeen and a half) and sacks (nine and a half) and blocked three kicks.

Dan Walker, the Mules other senior outside linebacker, was selected to the third All-South Region team. Walker tied a school record with ten and a half sacks and led the Mules with nineteen and a half tackles for loss. He recorded 57 total tackles and added two forced fumbles, two pass breakups and an interception.

Peer and Walker led a defense that is likely to finish the 2004 season ranked in the top five in Division III football in total defense, rushing defense, scoring defense and passing efficiency.

Senior offensive tackle Frank Santini was also named to the All-Region Team. As a two-time unanimous All-Centennial Conference selection and Academic All-District selection, Santini helped four different Mule running backs record 100-yard games in 2004.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside: *Three Mule wrestlers place in Petrofes Invitational. page 19*

SPORTS

Inside: *Men's Basketball begins season with a bang. page 18*

Mules maintain an undefeated record

By Betsy Stoller
Weekly Sports Writer

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Mules remain undefeated and attained their third Centennial Conference win, as they shot over 100 points in their game last Saturday; the Mules defeated Washington, 101-62.

This is the fifth highest number of points in College history. The last time the Mules faced up against the Shorewomen, they defeated them 101-54.

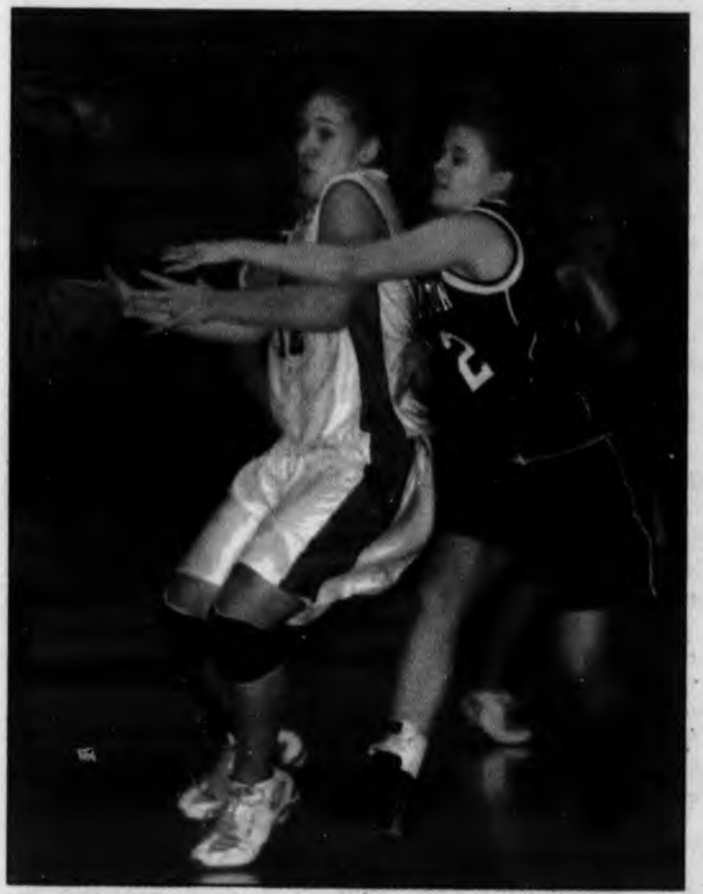
It was the first time this season that the Mules reached the century mark this year; they reached triple digits in both meetings with Washington last year.

Junior Stephanie Coluccini gained her second double-double in three games with a career-high nineteen points and ten rebounds. This makes Coluccini the first Mule player this year to score more then fifteen points in a single game.

Coluccini was recognized on the Centennial Conference Honor Roll last week for her execution of a double-double against Franklin and Marshall College. Coluccini also had a career high four assists.

Junior Kristen Piscadlo also achieved some praiseworthy numbers as she finished the game with, six assists and career highs of eight steals and six rebounds. Piscadlo currently leads the Centennial Conference in most steals in a single game.

"We have been working a lot in practice lately on rebounds and boxing out," said Piscadlo. "Everything we had been working on came together nicely and proved to be a positive during the game."



Mules Junior Kristen Piscadlo drives past Washington en route to a Mule victory.

Photo by Rob Kandel

The Mules led by only nine points in the first half, but with seven minutes to go, they outscored Washington by an impressive 20-12 margin and held a comfortable lead throughout the second half.

Also worthy of mention are Juniors Lacie Smith who racked up a total of thirteen points and Tiffany Kirk with ten points. Junior Lindsay Orosz was in the double digits with ten points.

Sophomore Meghan Courtney racked up her career-high fifteen rebounds, ten of which were off the offensive glass. Courtney's career-high rebounds in this game place her in the Centennial Conference's top three for rebounds in a single game this year.

Ahead of her are two games by Franklin and Marshall's Laura Dodrill. In these games against Haverford and Messiah Colleges, Dodrill emerged with 22 and seventeen rebounds, respectively.

Courtney was named to the Centennial Conference Honor Roll this week because of her performance. Along with her impressive number of rebounds, Courtney also had a career-high of six steals in this game. Courtney is fourth in the Centennial Conference ranking of steals per game. In the past two games, Courtney has averaged twelve points and ten and a half rebounds.

In this game, Junior Valerie Robuck recorded a career-best nine boards in addition to three blocked shots.

Muhlenberg sophomore Michelle Feldman leads the offense over the century mark, defeating Washington.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Courtney said, "Our team has been working very hard, we are very diverse, we are known for our threes but our inside game is also very tight. We force teams to play at our tempo so we can control the flow of the game, and it's been successful."

The Mules only shot thirty-three percent from the field, but they were able to get off 109 shots and record 35 offensive rebounds. They were also able to force 40 turnovers.

The Mules had a total of 66 rebounds in the game while the Shorewomen had 54. The Mules had double the amount of assists as Washington, with a total of 20.

Finally, the Mules recorded nine blocked shots, which allowed them to tie the school record that was set seventeen years ago in a game against Franklin and Marshall College.

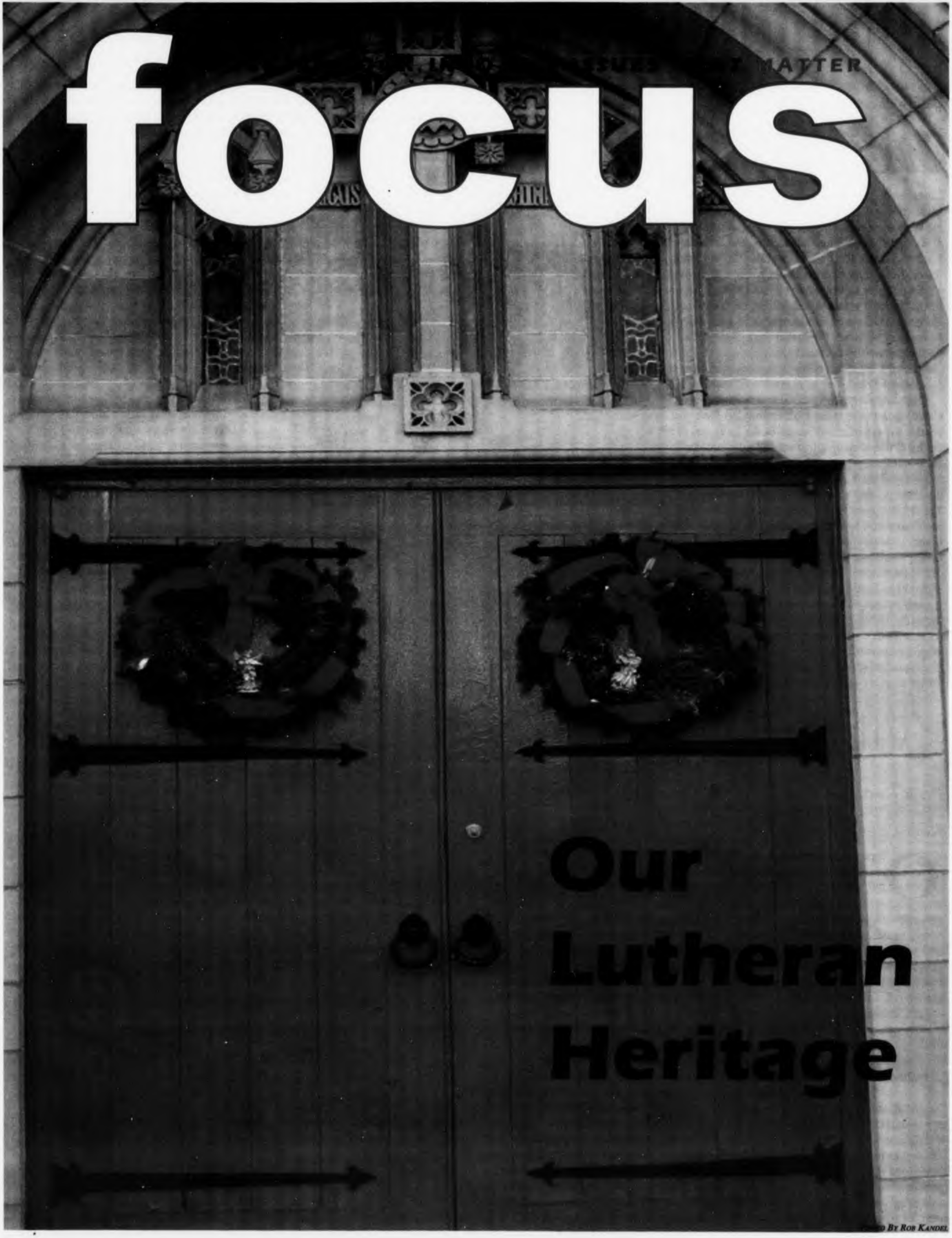
The Mules are currently ranked first in the Centennial Conference. They are the only team who remains undefeated in overall play. Two other teams, Johns Hopkins University and McDaniel College, have the same Centennial Conference record as the Mules, 3-0. However, both teams have lost one non-Centennial Conference game.

The Mules' next game is Saturday away versus Drew University.

The Rangers have won six of their past seven games, their only loss was to DeSales University.

focus

ISSUES THAT MATTER



Our Lutheran Heritage

Photo By Rob Kandel

Our Lutheran heritage: faith informing reason

By Peter Bredlau
College Chaplain

Martin Luther was an advocate of a liberal arts education for both men and women. The College was named after the family of the first German Lutheran Pastor in the U.S., Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. The College's founders were people who were raised in the educational tradition of Luther. They valued education, and we, their Lutheran descendents, still do. We Lutherans like to remember that our church was started on a college campus, by a campus pastor and professor, for that was Luther's call at the time. Lutherans treasure the connection of faith and education; we don't think that faith and education are mutually exclusive, rather, they are complementary. Faith can inform reason, and reason can inform faith.

Over the years at the College, the Lutheran church connection and faith expression have been lived out in many ways. In the early days of the College, the professors and administration were Lutherans, most of them clergy. Today's faculty and staff still has Lutheran representation and is more religiously diverse than ever. There are a number of Lutherans that serve on the Board of Trustees, including Bishops of the church and people active in congregations. The College believes that these are important voices in the decision-making that happens at that level.

Another past expression of the church connection was mandatory Chapel attendance, which lasted until the early 1970s, when most U.S. colleges had eliminated mandatory attendance. Some still lament the loss of compulsory Chapel, but as Chaplain, I am glad we now have people in Chapel who want to be there, rather than those who have to be there.

Photo by Rob Kandel

The religion course general academic requirement has also been a connection to our church heritage. We believe that a liberal arts education should include a wide variety of courses and that being educated about religion is important because religions play a vital role in many societies. While we don't require students to be instructed about faith or a particular religion, we do hope that students will learn about the many faiths and belief systems that inhabit the world.

What makes the College really special is the religious diversity on our campus, and that is due, in part, to our Lutheran past and present. Lutherans believe, very strongly, that living and working with people of other faith traditions is not only interesting; it is desirable. You might be surprised to know that our largest religious group on campus is Roman Catholic students, followed by Jewish students, then Protestant and Orthodox Christians. There is also a small number of Hindus and Buddhists, and other faith traditions on our campus. There are also many students who have no religious affiliation.

Is it odd that there are so many non-Lutheran students at a Lutheran-related college? It shouldn't be. Lutherans understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be best understood by the words of Jesus: "Love God and love your neighbor as yourself." Lutherans understand this to mean that we can best follow Jesus by welcoming people, whether they are Lutherans, other Christians, people of other faith traditions, or people with no tradition at all.

Those red doors you see all over campus remind us of a legend of Lutheranism, brought from Germany to the U.S., that red doors are a sign of welcome and hospitality. I don't know whether the legend is true or not, but it is a good reminder of the importance of hospitality. Lutherans also believe that we don't do anything outside of God's grace and forgiveness. We're thankful for that grace and forgiveness because we've made mistakes as individuals and as a church. We haven't always been welcoming, we haven't always loved our neighbors. We need forgiveness for that. We're still struggling with being welcoming in our churches. Lutherans are struggling with how to include gay and lesbian people in all of our congregations. We're not completely handicap accessible in our congregations, and Lutherans could certainly be more racially and economically diverse. But Lutherans try each day to be graceful and forgiving people--I hope you see that lived out at the College.

I'm proud of the College's connection to the Lutheran church, and I hope that it lasts for a long time. Our Lutheran heritage is a big part of why the College is the Community that it is.

Vibrant Jewish life in a Lutheran context

By Dr. Franklin Sherman
Founding Director, Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding

One of the striking things about the College is that it is related to the Lutheran church. Lutheranism is generally considered one of the more conservative Protestant denominations, and yet has been remarkably open to persons of all faiths. Particularly, there is a thriving Jewish community here, as shown not only by the large number of Jewish students but also the remarkable vitality of Jewish life on campus, and I have decided to explore what accounts for this phenomenon.

Although I have never done any formal research on the subject, my theory-based on observations dating back to my own student days--is that it was the excellence of the College's pre-med program that first attracted Jewish students here. One thing led to another; Jewish families learned of the College's other fine programs and, equally as important, of its hospitality to Jews. This was in contrast to many other institutions at that time, including some in the Lehigh Valley.

There was a natural symbiosis between the Jewish love of learning--whether expressed in study of Torah and Talmud or of the modern arts and sciences--and the similar love engendered by the Christian humanist tradition that the College's founders represented. "Humanism" is used here in the sense not of a denial of the divine, but rather an affirmation of the human. The opportunity to explore God's creation in all its marvelous diversity (which is what a liberal arts college does) is felt in this tradition to be both a privilege and a sacred calling.

One shouldn't overlook, either, the contribution of particular persons, such as the late Jonathan Messerli, President of the College when both the program in Jewish Studies and the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding were established (1988-89). Messerli had many Jewish friends and he gladly lent his support to both those projects. Also significant was Dr. Darrell Jodock, Head of the Religion Department for many years. As a Lutheran theologian, Jodock believed that Lutheranism had much to answer for in its historical record vis-a-vis Jews, especially in Germany, but also much to build upon in establishing a new relationship of mutual affirmation and appreciation.

Lutheranism was born on a college campus, so to speak; Martin Luther was a young professor at the University of Wittenberg when the Reformation began, and continued to teach there throughout his career. Luther's successors in subsequent generations, including those who brought the College into being, have prized not only a "learned ministry" but a learned laity as well. We can be glad for the breadth of vision, openness of spirit and respect for academic integrity that they infused into the College, and that has characterized it from its inception down to the present day.

9 is the number of need-based restricted scholarships which take religion into account. Among them are:

-For a student who is preparing for the ministry.

-For a student who is an active member of the United Church of Christ.

-For a student who is a dependent of a Lutheran pastor or of a pastor of another denomination with whom the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America shares full communion.

Courtesy of the Office of Admission's Guide to Financial Aid and Financing

Does attending a Lutheran college affect your religious beliefs?

Four students at the College – a Jew, a Catholic, a Lutheran, an atheist – explain how and if attending a Lutheran-affiliated school has affected them

By Miriam Eisenberg
Class of 2007

When I first moved into the College, the first thing I did was meet my Jewish roommate and, of course, play Jewish Geography (For everyone who doesn't know, an example would be: Person 1: "Oh, you're from Long Island, do you know Jacob Rosen-stein-berg-man?" Person 2: "Hmm...Oh yeah. We went to camp together!").

On that same day, we met six out of twenty other girls on our Prosser Annex Hall that were also Jewish, and we were invited to a Hillel Shabbat Event. Since that first day, I have taken it upon myself to be active in Jewish campus organizations including, but not limited to, Hillel, and to continue being a proud representative of the Jewish Community.

Although the College is a Lutheran school, not once have I felt that my needs as a Jewish student were being ignored. We get off for Yom Kippur (the most important Jewish Holiday) and are excused from classes for Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year). Just this year, Randy Helm, President of the College, hosted an Israel discussion at his house, and we had Republican and Democratic representatives discussing the Middle East issue.

There are religion classes designed to inform students about Judaism and the College even hosts the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding. Finally, Hillel is a strong organization providing Jewish students with as much as a place to call home or as little as a free meal on Shabbat or Bagel Brunch. It even provides non-Jewish students with a place to experience a taste of Jewish tradition.

The College allows students to pursue their different religious beliefs freely and even encourages students to learn about other religions through classes, clubs or social connections. I have learned a great deal about myself, my own beliefs and the beliefs of others.

Photo by Rob Kandel

By Dylan Moulton
Class of 2005

I am an atheist. I believe in no higher powers. I believe thusly because of personal research. I refuse to base a possible fate on a whim.

My time at the College has taught me a lot about people and their beliefs. First, whatever a person believes, for whatever reason, no matter how inane it may seem to me, is sacred to them and must be respected as if it is true. Second, it has shown me that for every religion (belief if you exclude the dogma), there are hundreds of different reasons that people believe in them: true faith, inculcated faith, fear, education and so on.Who am I to judge what they believe?

Freshman year, two students and one professor questioned me. One student did it out of what he said was a "real concern for my soul." The other student based her argument on: "What if you are wrong?" The professor was much more blatant. At the end of a paper asking, "Write a religious biography," he gave me my grade along with the numbers of a pastor, reverend and rabbi to talk about my "faith issues." To him, lack of faith was a correctable fault. His response offended me; the others seemed merely concerned and social.

Do I understand other religions better now as a senior? Yes, but I think I also understand people's rationales much better. I do not contribute any of this knowledge directly to the College and its Lutheran ties, but rather to being able to share my ideas with predominately accepting peers.

It does help that I'm surrounded by a largely intelligent Student Body though, so kudos to the Admissions office on securing an excellent base for questioning and learning about one's beliefs. Yes, there are the occasional looks and people who want to endlessly debate theism with me, but for the most part I feel I can maturely and intelligently share what I believe and I hope others do too.

By Lori Giesberg
Class of 2006

College has a way of taking something you have been acquainted with all your life and making you analyze and question it. For instance, we all know how much a shirt is worth to us, but "college" asks us to analyze how we determine that worth. The same thing should happen with religion. It doesn't matter if you believe in God or Ganesha or nothing at all, it's important to be able to question yourself and understand why you believe or don't believe in a higher power.

The fact that the College is a Lutheran school did not have much of an effect on my decision to come here. If anything, the extent of its effect was that I was in love with the idea that the red doors were a Lutheran tradition of welcome. In fact, I never thought much about the difference between Lutheranism and Catholicism before coming to college. I made friends here, some who went to church, some who did not, and some who didn't believe in God at all.

The last three years of college have brought many questions and conversations amonst friends and faculty. One friend in particular, a past non-believer, and I have questioned and requestioned many ideas pertaining to religion. Simple answers like, "God is in heaven," no longer help with questions about who God is, where heaven is and what your soul is. Our stories and imaginations do, however, help us consider these questions. Maybe it's possible that willpower comes from God, or maybe it comes from how we were raised. Maybe angels are how God works through people's souls, or maybe for some they don't exist at all. Some believe God created the universe; others may believe there are two forces working together: God, who, is in your soul and science is in nature.

No matter what it is you believe or don't believe, you should commit to it, but don't stop listening to other's ideas, or you might be missing out on something you never thought of before.

By Lori McEwuen
Class of 2005

I am one of approximately 25 active Lutherans attending the College, a Lutheran affiliated institution. Coming to the College was a shock to me in many ways, though not because of the small number of Lutherans on campus. I'm from Morgantown, W.V., which also has a small Lutheran population, so that was a normal situation for me. Upon my arrival, my biggest surprise was not the small number of Lutheran students, but the large number of Jewish students.

The College's Lutheran affiliation played no direct role in my college choice, but I suppose I had unconscious expectations of meeting hundreds of interested Lutheran students--obviously, it did not happen. What did happen, however, was that I gained insight into new religions.

Today I know more than I ever thought possible about Judaism, and my interest continues to flourish. Although frequently the only non-Jew present, I am always welcome at Hillel events, which have offered important learning experiences over the years. The College has encouraged me to independently study my religion and expand my views while also actively learning about other religions.

Although there aren't many Lutherans at the College, the ones who are here form a close-knit group. Some of my first, and best, friends were those I met at the Lutheran worship service and Tuesday night prayer group during freshman year. Worshipping with these friends and having religious discussions are valuable memories for me.

In addition, on a personal note, Chaplain Peter Bredlau has supported me through difficult times and even invited me to join his family for Easter services. Happily, I have found a comfortable and welcoming niche as a Lutheran at the College and have also had the opportunity to grow in my knowledge and understanding of others.

CREATING A DISTINCT ENVIRONMENT

By Christopher Hooking-Haring 72
Director of Admission and
Financial Aid

Being asked to provide an "admissions perspective on religion" was something of a surprise. At first, it was hard to decide exactly what that meant. Religion is not something we ask about on an admissions application. So, in terms of who "gets in," religion is not something that drives admissions decision-making at the College.

If there is not an "admissions perspective on religion" in terms of getting in, then how does an interest in religion inform what we do in other ways? Admissions, of course, is more than simply deciding who gets admitted. It is also about appreciating those things that make the College distinctive and broadcasting them to the world so that others can appreciate them as well. This is where my consideration of an "admissions perspective on religion" ultimately landed me.

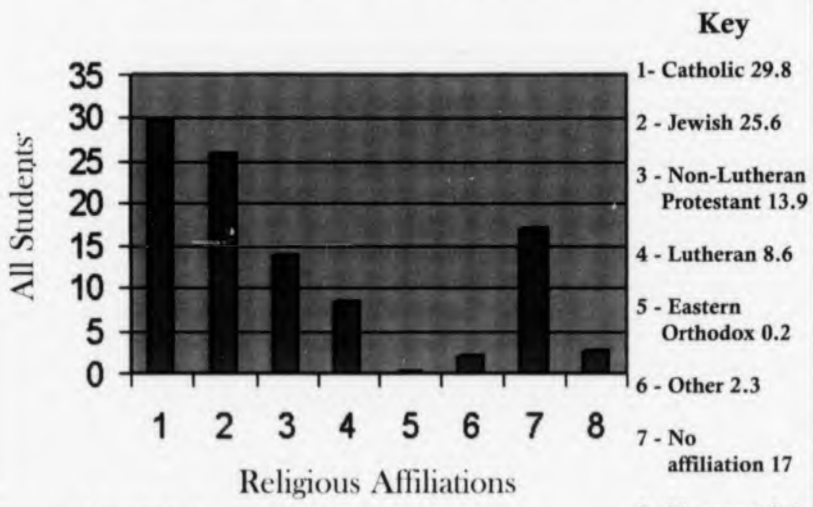
> *Admissions...is also about appreciating those things that make the College distinctive and broadcasting them.*

The College is made distinctive by many things, among them a religious landscape that is varied and diverse. We are also made distinctive by an approach to religion that not only tolerates different religious traditions, but celebrates them. With over a third of our students Catholic, nearly thirty percent Jewish, and over twenty percent Lutheran or other Protestant religions, we are also among the most religiously diverse small colleges in the country.

Having a Catholic chaplain on campus, and celebrating mass weekly in our chapel, in addition to a Lutheran chaplain and weekly Protestant services, and an award-winning and active Hillel Foundation, the College clearly goes beyond merely tolerating religious difference. At the same time, I remember when I was a student at the College and those two-o'clock in the morning conversations about "Does God exist?" or "Why do bad things happen to good people?" These were made more interesting and more educational by the fact that people were coming at them from a variety of religious perspectives and traditions. I also appreciate the fact that students at the College typically were then--and are now--very respectful of each other's religious traditions.

Finally, the College's historic connection to the Lutheran Church reflects a concern for issues of meaning and value that is reflected in the curriculum, as well as in campus culture generally. We are not a secular college. We are not values-neutral. We are actively engaged in trying to help students examine their own values systems, build their own ethical frameworks and prepare to take on the world strengthened by a personal values system that is a considered choice. That does not mean narrow "Lutheran" indoctrination. Rather we appreciate and value many religious traditions and perspectives, we encourage our students to examine their own beliefs critically and in an intentional way, and we seek to help students forge their own spiritual life through a process of self-examination and reflection. It is a defining characteristic of the College, and in that sense an important part of what makes this place distinctive and special.

Breakdown of Students' Religious Affiliations at the College in Fall 2004 by Percentage



Courtesy of the Muhlenberg Source Book

Religious freedom abounds at affiliated schools

By Julie Strasser
Class of 2006

Muhlenberg, as a Lutheran-affiliated institution, has signs of its relationship to this denomination located all over campus--in the College seal, in the course catalogue, and in the red doors which dot the landscape. However, though the school's Lutheran heritage is a constant reminder, it generally seems that it is no more than just that--a remembrance of what was, rather than a reflection of what is. Of course, many other schools other than Muhlenberg are religious-based institutions. The Catholic University of America in Wash., D.C., Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. and Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., are just three other institutions with a religious, albeit non-Lutheran, affiliation. However, how do these schools compare with the relaxed religious atmosphere that appears to be characteristic of Muhlenberg?

As its name dictates, The Catholic University of America (CUA) is a Catholic institution. Its website proclaims it to be "uniquely Catholic" and a school which "reaches out in service to the Church and to the nation." Though it is clear about its religious background, CUA's website also says that it "attracts…students…of all faiths." Indeed, Danielle Deacon, a junior at CUA and an Episcopalian, believes that being a non-Catholic is essentially a non-issue. She notes that "campus ministry is a pretty big organization and every student has to take religion classes, but church attendance is not required," making it fairly easy to blend in with others. However, Deacon did comment on a recent controversy surrounding the school regarding people who have been uninvited from their speaking engagements at CUA after being discovered to have beliefs that differ from Catholic doctrine. Deacon said that this occurrence, which happened in Sept. 2004, was a rare instance of the school outwardly aligning themselves with strict Catholic beliefs. Despite this debacle, as someone of a different faith, Deacon says the only time she feels alienated is before rugby games when all her teammates say a prayer that she doesn't know; other than this, however, Deacon says that "people don't talk about religion too much."

Wheaton College has a completely different atmosphere than CUA. It is not associated with any one denomination, but is an evangelical Protestant school whose motto is "for Christ and His Kingdom." Jackie Sleeth, who is a junior at Wheaton and an evangelical Baptist, says that the school's deeply religious nature is obvious in many ways: "faculty must be Christians; we attend chapel three times a week; we have to take some theology classes as part of our general education classes; faith is usually integrated into our other classes; there are several ministries on campus." The student body is essentially completely Christian, and mostly Protestant, though some students at Wheaton are Catholic.

As someone who is part of the majority, Sleeth is comfortable in her environment. The fact that Wheaton was a Christian school was an attraction for her because she said "going to a college with other Christians would help me grow in my faith." Wheaton's religious ties are a huge factor and have a prominent, significant affect on students' lives.

Brandeis University is a completely different style of school as compared to the College, CUA and Wheaton for the fact that is not Christian-based but, as stated by its website, a "nonsectarian Jewish-sponsored university." The only Jewish-sponsored school in the nation, Brandeis' holds this title proudly and indeed is home to many Jews, but it welcomes and has people of all faiths attend. Laura Yenchman, a junior at Brandeis, says that "I easily forget that I go to what is 'labeled' a 'Jewish school,'" because she is not a strict observant Jew. Though Yenchman does say that the "Jewish population is more pronounced and represented here on campus" and that the "orthodox community is extremely prevalent," she also says that those who are not Jewish have the access and means to practice their religion as they wish. She calls Brandeis a school where "people are free to live their own experiences;" the fact that the school is Jewish-sponsored appears, at least from a student perspective, to be a non-issue.

Taking CUA and Brandeis into consideration, it would seem that how Muhlenberg's religious affiliation functions in the present age is quite common. Like Muhlenberg, CUA and Brandeis are proud of their religious heritage, but it is generally not an all-encompassing feature as it is at Wheaton. However, as is evidenced by these four schools, a religious affiliation is not another word for exclusion; no matter the background, people have the opportunity to attend the school of their choice and have the experience that they want.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside
The Office of Multicultural Life hosted a speaker to commemorate the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
page 6

Inside
Controversial play, States of Shock, brings blunt, biting war criticism to the College.
page 10

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 12 Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883 THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2005

Crime wave continues over winter break

MacGregor Village burglarized

By Alex Barouh
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

As the new academic semester begins at the College, the number of crime incidents occurring on or near campus has continued to increase.

As stated in the memorandum released on Jan. 17, three burglaries took place over break. Two breakins occurred at MacGregor Village and one at 325 N. 22nd Street.

In addition, an attempted burglary took place on one of the first floor apartments at 432 N. Albright Street.

Adding further to this wave of crime, a Muhlenberg College student was robbed at approximately 2:25 a.m. on Sunday morning in the alley between Leh Street and 22nd Street.

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security, described the robbery: "The student was strong armed from behind and told to give up her purse with money and credit cards. The description of the suspect is of a Hispanic male, 5'5", light complexion, approximately 25 to 30 years old, with a large foomanchu mustache. He was wearing a dark cap with two white lettered E's, one E being backwards, a gray hooded sweat shirt and baggy black pants."

Two distinctly different types of crimes have been occurring on campus lately: burglaries and street robberies. Both Campus Safety and the Allentown Police Department have taken significant pro-active steps toward decreasing the number of crime incidents occurring in the Muhlenberg area.

These precautionary steps have been taken in reaction to the fact that many more crimes have been occurring in the past semester than in any previous semester.

"We have never had three robberies in a single semester," says Lupole. In order to provide the College Community with a concrete number of incidents that have occurred, Campus Safety will publish and pro-

SEE CRIME | PAGE 5

Two apartments in MacGregor were among the locations in the recent burglaries.

PHOTO BY BEN VEGHTE

Winter's Fury: **The first snow storm of the season dumped 10 inches of snow on Allentown and inconvenienced many travelers.**

PHOTO BY BEN VEGHTE

Students to raise funds for tsunami victims

By Jeremy Duncan
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The death toll rises every day in Southeast Asia; some estimate that a quarter of a million people are already dead as a result of the massive tsunamis that devastated the area on Dec. 26, 2004.

Organizations ranging from the American Red Cross to Save the Children have made tsunami relief a priority.

President Bush has pledged some $350,000,000 of American aid. The world as a whole has already pledged $4 billion.

Andrew Kalish, president of the Class of 2006 (abroad for the spring semester), knew he wanted to help the millions of people who survived the disaster.

Kalish thought he had the means at his disposal to "generate funds and promote awareness" on a great scope.

However, Kalish felt that the students and faculty of Muhlenberg alone could not make a significant enough impact on the tragedy.

To Kalish, any college-based tsunami relief effort needed to be bigger in scope than on just this campus.

Kalish saw the Lehigh Valley - Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC) as a way of creating a unified plan to aid the people of Southeast Asia.

LVAIC includes Muhlenberg College, Cedar Crest College, DeSales University, Lafayette College, Lehigh University and Moravian College.

As stated on their website, LVAIC's mission is "to make strong institutions stronger."

Kalish began to see a way for each college to raise money individually and independently, but then to

SEE TSUNAMI | PAGE 5

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Executive Editor

Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

Tsunami survivors need help now in rebuilding lives

After seeing the images in the media of the tsunami that devastated villages and homes from India to Somalia, individuals as well as groups across the globe sprung into action to give relief to those who suffered from mother nature's wrath. Joining the ranks of millions who wish to give to those who have lost so much, at its first meeting of the semester, Student Council passed a resolution to form a committee that will work in conjunction with LVAIC to raise money for the relief effort. Specifically, this committee will work on a long term project of gathering money that will go towards a relief effort to rebuild schools in the regions that were obliterated by the enormous ocean waves.

Although it is commendable that Student Council wishes to help those who lost so much on that tragic day in December, this project should not be seen as something that should be put on the back burner as a long term project. The people who lost everything in the natural disaster need immediate assistance in placing together the shattered pieces of their lives. There is no doubt that those who are suffering would be grateful for any assistance that Student Council and its new affiliates could give.

However, their gratitude would be even more significant if they were to get this assistance at a time when it is so direly needed. In order to move on and rebuild, the victims of the tsunami need all the assistance they can get right now, not in two to three years. The effects of the tsunami are being felt by the victims right now. A simple fundraiser, with or without the help of LVAIC, could prove to be more beneficial, and could be initiated in a more timely fashion. There is no disputing the fact that Student Council wishes to embark on a worthwhile endeaver; however, if they are to really dedicate themselves to assisting the victims of the tsunami, they must begin assisting now. In the time following the tsunami, many individuals have proven to be very generous in their aid. Student Council needs to "take advantage"--so to speak--of this generosity and collect money while the memory of the events are still fresh in the minds of students and faculty alike.

Letters to the Editor:

Ode to Jason Klein

To the Editor:

My name is Allison Pavlosky and am a senior here at Muhlenberg College. I enjoy your paper but have one comment about it.

I would like to see Jason Klein continue to write articles for the paper.

I feel that his articles are a pleasure to read and are a fresh change from the monotony of the news. It adds humor and he says what other people are afriad to.

I would like to see him be a weekly writer if possible. Thank you!

--Allison Pavlosky
Class of '05

Science majors cheated

To the Editor:

I want to preface this discussion by acknowledging that all majors at Muhlenberg require their own set of skills and have their own demands. I am also not proposing that simply because I was a science major I could excel in all courses offered. However, when I look at my biology degree from Muhlenberg College, I can't help but feel as though there is something different about my education versus that of a non-science major.

The problem lies in the fact that if I were to take a course in art, for example, I would be taking the same Drawing I course that all art majors take. Why is it then that non-science majors are offered courses in "baby-biology" or biology classes structured for non-majors?

If I am required to take an art and attend class with art majors, why are they not required to attend the same Principles of Biology or General Chemistry courses I took as a freshman? If all courses count for one unit and I am tested against other majors in their introductory courses, why shouldn't those other majors be tested on the same material I took as my introduction to the sciences?

I am, of course, using art merely as an example to illustrate a parallel that exists with every other non-science class. Courses like Physics for Life or Biology for Dancers are not equivalent to General Physics and Biology I. With the exception of theater majors and possibly a few others, I averaged 7 more class hours a week with labs and recitations than most other majors but competed for the same course value. I would go so far as to say my work ethic required for science courses made the workload for other "equivalent" classes seem trivial. As stated earlier, this work ethic and extra course load obviously extends to other majors. The inconsistency lies in the fact that those other majors are never tested on a level playing field with me in my major as part of their college requirements. Is the school proposing that non-science students can't pass a true science class with more difficult material?

In nearly every non-science class I took in undergrad I sat alongside majors in that department; the only non-science majors I sat alongside with in my science classes were kids who later switched because they weren't doing so well.

Arguing that as a science major I should be expected to work longer, harder, etc is a cop-out. I am not bitter about the hours I put in; I'm bitter non-science students didn't have the opportunity to pass or fail the same classes I did. Gold trim on my graduation robe just doesn't cut it for me.

--Evan Wright
Class of '04

The demise of the Democratic Party?

Michael Tenenhaus
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

The Democrats suffered possibly one of the greatest defeats in political history this past election. This did not happen in terms of plurality of the vote. By comparison, the Presidential election was significantly closer then the extreme margins of victory recorded by Lyndon Johnson, Dubya's father and Richard Nixon over Barry Goldwater, Michael Dukakis and George McGovern, respectively.

Democratic losses were sharpened by the failure of the great expectations that were hyped by what many considered a "perfect storm." This was stirred by a controversial war, economic pessimism, a social program code named "compassionate conservatism" that the left derided as an oxymoron, and of course, everybody's favorite—the environment.

Nevertheless, George W. Bush defeated John Kerry by over 3.5 million votes, and the Republican Party picked up an even greater majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Plus, the Democrats failed to add any governorships. To add insult to injury, the Democratic minority leader Tom Daschle was defeated in South Dakota, the first time in more than fifty years a senate minority leader lost a reelection.

While initially ecstatic from the Republican victory, I realized that one party having a monopoly over government is not good for democracy. Does such a large victory for the GOP mean an end to the two-party system as we know it? While the system of checks and balances still remains in place, if one party is in control of each branch of government, there is not contestation. What has happened to our two-party system that has fostered democracy throughout our nation's history? Who is to blame for the Democrats devastating defeat?

My aim in writing this article is not to insult or convert anyone nor to justify my beliefs in Bush's foreign and domestic policies. Rather, I seek to explain why our President was able to win reelection against all odds after a recession, a war appearing less glamorous on a daily basis, and after unfounded personal attacks on him and his policies by almost every major channel of media. Kerry, on the other hand, received outright endorsements from influential newspapers such as the New York Times. In this election, the challenger had everything going for him against the incumbent, but the challenger was not the right candidate for the job.

The Democratic Party has shifted so far to the left that Democrats such as President Franklin Roosevelt and President Truman would not recognize it today. In 1980, the South had 20 Democrats and only 6 Republicans in the Senate. Now the South has 22 Republicans and only 4 Democrats. Senator Zell Miller warned the Democratic Party that by moving so far to the left and ignoring the South they could not win a national election. A northern Democrat has not won a Presidential election since John F. Kennedy!

SEE DEMISE | PAGE 3

Another semester in the 'Berg Bubble

Jason Klein
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The beginning of a new semester is my absolute favorite time of year in the 'Berg Bubble. My favorite thing to do during the first week is to quietly observe the hordes of students around campus and watch the excited sparkle slowly fade from their eyes. Of course, it's not that I root for people to be walking around campus with no purpose other than to pass their classes so they can get wasted on the days of the week that end with the letter "y".

However, during the first weeks of a new semester, the majority of the Student Body bounces around campus like a sugar fed four year old in a funhouse at Disneyland.

One reason for this is that students spend at least a portion of their break making comparisons with their friends from home like who gained more weight or who got the lowest grades. This is why the beginning of each semester is the busiest time for the Life Sports Center and why the salads at General's Quarters (GQ) are sold faster than a bagel bomb moves through a digestive tract. Motivation based on envy makes every student come back wanting to excel and determined not to repeat the mistakes they have made in semesters past.

It is nearly impossible to walk into Seegers during average meal hours. The entranceways are packed and the lines for GQ and the Garden Room (GR) are longer than the list of lies told by convicted murderer Scott Peterson.

Apparently every student is convinced that they will be able to use up all of the meals on their pricey "Gold Plus" meal plan.

That is why GQ and the GR are packed for the first week of a new semester: the students are anxious to use up their swipes as quickly as possible instead of drawing out the atrocity of dining on such fine mass produced meals.

However, after the first week of the GR's fine cuisine, the students run not just to the bathrooms, but to the phones to call Domino's Pizza.

The next time there will be a line in Seegers is the last week of the semester when the Student Body tries to swipe cases of water as a last ditch effort to use up their swipes.

You also cannot work out in the gym in the first weeks of a new semester. The machines are all packed with students who do not have enough classwork to do and therefore cannot break their New Year's Resolutions without feeling guilty. As for the weights--well most new gym-goers avoid them; rumor has it that they're kind of heavy. In about a week things will settle down and return to normal. The New Year's crowd will lose that motivation to leave their rooms, either because it's cold outside or because the gym is too crowded anyway. Once they miss the first time, it's a domino effect. You won't see them back in the gym for the rest of the semester.

My favorite behavior unique to the start of a new semester is that everyone on campus becomes so friendly. The average Muhlenberg student will have been asked "How was your break?" 3,497 times by the time you read this.

I feel so special when people I may have had a class with freshman year (even back then I didn't know their names) walk up to me and ask about my break. Sometimes I wish I had a tape recorder so I would not have to repeat myself a million times to everyone who asks. Instead, like most of the Student Body I have just decided to answer inquiries about my break with a simple "good and yours?" It's the best answer with the smallest amount of effort.

By the time you read this the sparkle has faded from most students' eyes, the reality of a new semester's workload will have set in, and the food will have made the students fearful for a long five months of food prepared by, and tasting like, Wood. Soon enough, Seegers will get less crowded, the gym will be less popular and strangers will stop asking about your break.

Until then, enjoy the start of a new semester because chances are, it will be the only week that you will not be behind in your reading.

DEMISE | FROM PAGE 2

With a weak history of defense and foreign policy voting, John Kerry, a liberal senator from Massachusetts, was simply not the best candidate for the Democrats. John Kerry was ranked the most liberal Senator in 1986, 1988, 1990 and 2003, according to the National Journal, a nonpartisan organization, based on his voting record. John Kerry was one of the only members of the entire congress to vote against the Persian Gulf War after Saddam Hussein invaded another nation in his quest to unite the Arab world against America and Israel.

In the first war, Kerry could not use the lack of multilateralism for his justification for not supporting the war. America formed a multilateral coalition and even had the backing of the United Nations, yet Kerry still voted against war. How could we have trusted Kerry to be the Commander-In-Chief of the armed forces and to protect our nation with his voting record? In a post-9/11 world, candidates with weak national security and defense voting records are simply not electable.

The elitist attitude that liberals have, claiming that George W. Bush is not educated and intelligent enough to be President, does not help them either.

What kind of arrogant message does calling a man that graduated from Yale University and received an MBA from Harvard University "dumb," send to a hardworking voter attending a community college in the Midwest?

The Democrats must save their party from the far left wing that took control of it. They should have also distanced themselves from the fabrications and radicalism of Michael Moore. Instead, they gave Michael Moore an honorable seat at the Democratic National Convention next to former President Jimmy Carter, while at the same time Kerry attempted to appear patriotic and strong. On the other hand, Republicans rightfully kicked radical Pat Buchanan out from their party.

The Democrats need to move away from the Al Sharptons and Ted Kennedys and move toward the moderate Democrats that have strong records of defense and can carry Southern states. Moderate Democrats such as Joe Lieberman, Evan Bayh, Ben Nelson and Mark Pryor must form a coalition within their party to save their party and our two-party political system. However, it appears that Howard Dean may become the leader of the Democratic Party, and Hilary Clinton is the frontrunner for the Democrats in 2008. It seems as if they have not learned anything from this past election. Hopefully the times will change.

Don't be a nerd
be heard!
write for op/ed
kateothegreato@hotmail.com

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Executive Editor
Ben Veghte, Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
Kate Arney-Cimino, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
OPEN, Focus Editor
OPEN, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Johnny Canneto, Business Managers
Robin DeCicco, Asst. News Editor
Tiffany Kirk, Asst. OP/ED Editor
Jackie Starner, Sarah Smith, Dan McClung, Asst. Life! Editors
Tara DeMarzo, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Jenna Fletcher, Asst. Focus Editors
Catherine Zell, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Amy Cookson, Copy Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Writer Manager
John Dunphy, Design Consultant
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in The Muhlenberg Weekly are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to The Muhlenberg Weekly must be signed by respective writer(s). The Muhlenberg Weekly views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. The Weekly reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting The Weekly Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2005. All rights reserved.

Weekly Discourse: He's Just Not That Into You

The beginning of a revolution or a Bible for desperate women?

Kate Arney-Cimino
OP/ED Editor

Upon reading about this new book in Cosmo, Glamour and other magazines that do a good job of flooding women's heads with social and style propaganda, I bought the new best seller He's Just Not That into You. Written by Greg Behrendt, a consultant of Sex and the City, and Liz Tuccillo, a writer from Sex and the City, this 165 paged, hot pink hardcover clearly wasn't going to compare to the quality of a Reviving Ophelia or a Reading Lolita in Tehran, but I had to see what all the publicity was about.

This book is not about bashing men, but about empowering

He's Just Not That Into You: The No-Excuses Truth To Understanding Guys, resembles a collection of Dear Abby letters written to Greg, an ex player/womanizer now converted to a loving husband and father—every woman's dream. The chapters are all reasons why the guy isn't into you, such as "He's Just Not That Into You If He's Not Calling You... Sleeping With You... Marrying You... Dating You... Only Wants to See You When He's Drunk...etc." Now, as a result of this book, women are frantically reading it and searching for answers to why that drunken hook up never developed into a lasting and loving relationship. Or, why did his phone always seem to be out of service?

Allow me to save you some time. You guessed it...he's just not that into you. This, of course, makes us want them even more. We want to convince this guy that we are the one and we can be everything he's always wanted, when, in the mean time, the poor boy only wants to flee the scene of his hook up hangover without being direct and saying, "gee, you're just not hot enough/smart enough etc. for me...you are not the one."

This book can be taken two different ways. One, women who read it can take it literally and believe every made up story in it and follow Greg's advice and never ever call a man and just wait for them to make the first move, or we could look at this book as the beginning of a movement. In the last chapter, Liz ponders, "What would happen...if we all started insisting that men keep true to their word, treat us with respect?" What would happen if the bar was raised and women started demanding more? Do you think we would get it? How much would men compromise for sex? This issue relates to Aristophanes' Lysistrata, a play about Athenian women refusing to have sex with their husbands until the men stop fighting and make peace with Sparta. At the conclusion of the play, the women are successful in their strike, and peace is won. Liz has a similar idea about something like this working today. The problem is uniting women.

This book is not about bashing men, but about empowering women.

This book has induced many arguments and discussions and as a result is somewhat controversial. It's possible that either agreeing or disagreeing with this book openly could be dating suicide. Because of the size of Muhlenberg, rumors can spread quickly. It's the use or be used, break up or make up philosophy, but by God do it in public to prevent unclear rumors. It's possible that people have long relationships at Muhlenberg to avoid the gossip.

It appears that, by now, most of us have become addicted to rejection, waiting and settling for less. If Niel Sedaka's song was rewritten today he might sing, 'Hooking up is easy to do; it sure gives us our "fix" for the moment.

Woody Allen paraphrases Groucho Marx at the beginning of Annie Hall by saying that he would never want to be a part of a club that would have him. This is seen with women when it comes to the men that are crazy about them and show it. We immediately think there must be something wrong with them for liking us.

Be wary of whom you choose; maybe it's time we only give attention to those who give us the respect that we deserve.

Alan Van Grack
Weekly Guest Columnist

After reading the book, He's Just Not That Into You by Gred Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo, I would have to agree with the idea of the book by admitting to the fact that guys act a certain way when they are not into a girl they are dating. Girls need a way to know if a guy is not into them. This book, however, is a bad idea because in reality, and at Muhlenberg, every boy v. girl relationship is on a case by case situation.

This book, unfortunately, is seen by people as a dating bible. It should only be viewed for entertainment purposes; however, it is a good resource because it tells the worried female that they are not the only person that wonders why the boy from last night hasn't called them yet.

Guys think with what's in their pants and the opinion of their

Muhlenberg has its own set of rules. Those who choose to play the game have quite the challenge. The game here is filled with rumors, and reputations. Many people avoid this game and just reap the benefits by meeting someone during their freshman orientation and staying with them. They don't hear the rumors, and their reputation is usually strong because they have proved to be a good person to their significant other.

If Muhlenberg had an equivalent book, a chapter might be titled, "How Do I Deal with Getting Drunk at This One Party and Hooking Up with 3 Guys and Everyone on Campus all of a Sudden Staring at Me in GQ?"

When emotions of people become involved, the game for a player is over. Hurting someone here has too many consequences, and the sadness on a woman's face will cause a reaction from the guy that will show if he really cares about her. The emotions of two people can not be solved by the narration of a former player and mostly fictional letters. Emotions and talking are real. IM and Facebook are just preludes to emotions and actions, as they provide outlets for the people who lack the confidence to communicate face to face. Those people who have the online "relationship" soon find the topics in the book such as "if he doesn't want to see you in person, he's probably not that into you," to be too common. Their fake stereotype relationship unsurprisingly needs stereotypical answers.

Once emotions get involved, the female needs to have the guts to open her mouth and get upset with the guy when he hooks up with someone else. Ladies, if you can't have this conversation in person and resort to Instant Messenger to solve your problems then you are only hurting yourself.

If you play games with the guy and allow his behavior without saying a word, it is hard to stop. Once the ball is in his court then he will always have the advantage. If the guy doesn't care that he hurt you, then he doesn't like you. It's okay to give guys a second chance, but after that you might just be hurting yourself. Guys think with what's in their pants and the opinion of their friends.

College can be for asking those questions to get the answer you need to hear. If you spend too much time wondering if a player likes you then you might be missing out on a quality guy who will treat you the way you deserve to be treated.

Rumor is that in the real world there is little time to date, and it is even harder to meet someone. Some just look at college as a good practice round. When you are hurt and the guy refuses to answer any questions, stop hooking up with him. Be his friend, and if he can't handle that, he will just be another person you awkwardly say hello to each time you seem him walking down academic row. Once the guy cares and gets upset, that is a step in the right direction. No book can tell you what to think and how to act.

Your friends who know the situation will be all the help you need. They will give you the proper guidance to make the correct judgment if in fact that guy is that into you.

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

-Are you preoccupied with thoughts about food?
-Do you sometimes think you lack control over food?
-Do you sometimes eat alone or in secret?
-Do you exercise excessively?

Come to the Eating Disorder Support Group

When? Every Wednesday from 4-5
Where? College Counseling Sevices
Questions? Call X3178 (Counseling Services)

Board of Observers members elected

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

Randy Helm, President of the College, and The Board of Trustees recently formed the Board of Observers, a committee meant to assist in the College's assessment process.

Members of the new board will be part of visiting committees that will provide feedback to various departments on campus.

According to Helm, "the Board of Observers is part of an effort to create a culture of planning and self assessment combined with external assessment."

Helm likes the idea of a visiting committee because it can give the College an idea of how its departments are running.

Helm emphasized that the visiting committees will not only be observing academic departments.

All parts of the College, including administration, athletics, dining services, residential life, alumni relations and academic departments will be observed on a regular cycle.

The Board of Trustees has already elected the first 12 members to the Board of Observers and is currently in the process of scheduling the first visiting committees.

According to Helm, the committees should be visiting the following areas: art, music, sociology and anthropology and career services.

Members elected to the Board of Observers will serve a four-year term after which they must take at least one year off before being eligible to run for another term.

Helm said 12 to 15 members will be elected each year, so not everyone on the board will have to be replaced at the same time. According to Helm, there may be 40 to 60 members at any given time.

Helm said most of the members of the board will be alumni, pointing out that the first 12 members all graduated from the College. He said there will be non-alumni too, including some parents of students.

Regardless of whether or not the members are alumni, Helm said, "They should be people who have accomplished a great deal in their professional lives."

Helm said it is a very distin-

SEE **BOARD** | PAGE 7

TSUNAMI

FROM PAGE 1

donate to one specific cause together.

Ideally, he would like to focus on the children and student survivors of the tsunami, but that is just an idea right now.

Over winter break, Kalish contacted the College's Student Council, as well as Tom Tenges, Executive Director of LVAIC, and the student body presidents, deans and presidents of the other colleges.

There was general support, but the idea was still too vague. Together with class of 2005 representatives Liz Einhorn and Mike Alexander, Kalish formally requested that Student Council begin a process that would eventually lead to a large donation, pooled from the various groups and organizations on each college campus.

It was proposed that donations could be collected for a specific goal, perhaps the building or rebuilding of a school or orphanage in the devastated area.

Student Council passed a resolution to create a committee for this project last week after extended debate about the worthiness of the project.

Spending our resources was questioned. "There's so much that we can do with that money," said Neil Freedman, class of 2006 representative. He cited the possibility of giving money to "our own soldiers" and their families instead.

Michael Strauss, class of 2005 representative commented that "the rebuilding process of that region of the world will be the single most important [event]" of this time period.

Kalish explained that the project is not directed toward just money, but rather establishing, "something more tangible" that would involve a "direct connection with a school or orphanage."

Student Council is unsure which charitable organizations it will give the funds it collects.

Right now, the idea is in its infancy, but Kalish hopes it will develop and become an independent entity in the very near future.

Essentially, it will be a movement to unite this campus with other campuses.

In addition, the project will have goal-oriented fundraising events, pool money with the other participating schools, and finally, give money to a specific project in the area the tsunami destroyed.

Plans for an on-campus committee for brainstorming and fundraising have already begun.

Lauren Texeira '06 will develop and maintain relationships among the various colleges.

Support from the College seems to be hopeful, with people such as Chaplain Peter Bredlau deciding not to pursue faculty tsunami relief but instead to support Kalish's idea.

According to Einhorn, they are looking for the support of as many people as possible.

Einhorn said, "This is going to be a continual process for decades to come."

She stressed that although the main goal is to aid tsunami victims, the project also provides an opportunity to promote awareness of world events to students at the College.

President and Provost Advisory Council formed

By Brian Krisukas
Weekly News Writer

Prior to his second term, Randy Helm, President of the College, requested that a group of faculty could be brought together to advise him and give feedback regarding various aspects of Muhlenberg College.

This council would become the President and Provost Advisory Council, the first of its kind at Muhlenberg.

> *"This is the first time that a president at Muhlenberg has asked for faculty input before a policy is even made."*
>
> Dr. Marsha Baar,
> Chair of Academic Policy Committee

"This is the first time that a president at Muhlenberg has asked for faculty input before a policy is even made," said Dr. Marsha Baar, associate professor of Chemistry and chair of Academic Policy Committee for forming councils on campus.

Last year, Baar's committee became responsible for coming up with a plan as to how this council would be structured and candidates elected.

"To get a council in place quickly, President Helm selected faculty members from various pre-established faculty committees on campus, and this was known as the President Provisional Advisory Committee or PPAC," Baar said.

The committee was formed just so that there would be a committee in place for Helm to go to for feedback for his presidential decisions.

The President and Provost Advisory Council still had to be developed while this committee acted as a temporary solution.

"In the fall, academic policy came with a different model on how to form the committee, and now PPAC stands for President and Provost Advisory Council, not committee, council," said Baar.

"We want to make the distinction that this is not a faculty committee that wants to discuss faculty issues. This is the President's advisory council with no power whatsoever, except that of persuasion," Baar added.

The council will consist of six members, three who are elected from each division of study: natural science, social science and humanities.

> *"We want to make the distinction that this is not a faculty committee that wants to discuss faculty issues. This is the President's advisory council with no power whatsoever, except that of persuasion."*
>
> Dr. Marsha Baar,
> Chair of Academic Policy Committee

These candidates will be voted on by other faculty members in their respective departments.

"The remaining three representatives will be selected by Helm, in consultation with the provost, from nominations that come from the five standing faculty committees." added Baar.

The committees include academic policy, curriculum, faculty evaluation, faculty scholarship and development, as well as from the faculty personal policy committee," added Baar.

Helm thought it would be a good idea to pool resources from existing faculty committees because these candidates are those who are already struggling with issues on campus. Therefore, those individuals would be able to add more to the council.

"I wanted the faculty to have a role in recommending people I get advice from," stated Helm.

The criteria to be nominated from the standing faculty committees are as follows: "They must not be department heads, they must be tenured and they must be from departments other than those of the already elected representatives," Baar said.

This does limit Helm's decision to

SEE **COUNCIL** | PAGE 6

Local reverend remembers Martin Luther King, Jr. during service

By Eric Prock
Weekly News Writer

Rev. Benjamin T. Hailey, Sr., pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Allentown, spoke at the College in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Office of Multicultural Life at the College organized the annual remembrance service that occurred on Jan. 20.

Hailey's address, entitled "At What Price, Peace?", echoed Dr. King's vision of racial harmony achieved through the acceptance of God's will.

> *"This is the price of freedom and peace--man living in service to one another."*
>
> Rev. Benjamin T. Hailey,
> Keynote speaker

Hailey told the audience to do the following: Reach into your pocket and grab a couple of coins or a couple dollar bills and read the face of whatever monetary unit you retrieved. He pointed out that they say, "In God we trust."

He then instructed them to put their right hand over their hearts, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance... "One nation under God, with liberty and justice for all."

Hailey cited these as subtle reminders that this nation was founded through the will of God. Hailey asserted that this nation could never know peace until we remember our divine roots. He said, "All are one in Christ Jesus...this is the price of freedom and peace, man living in service to one another."

Hailey was of the opinion that our life mission is to esteem others above ourselves and to give ourselves to the betterment of humanity.

This, according to Hailey, is the vision of God's community; this is the vision of peace.

Hailey went on to contend that with the present state of affairs, our nation does not conform to this vision.

To explain his reasoning, he emphasized that the status quo can never be conducive to peace because the status quo is merely the absence of conflict.

This absence of conflict neither entails peace nor justice.

Hailey said we ignore or euphemize racial issues that are at the heart of inequality, and we call it peace merely because there is no conflict. But there is no conflict because we ignore or "sugar coat" the issues.

According to Hailey, this ignorance does not eliminate the problem; it only perpetuates the problem. Hailey asserted that the problem in contemporary America, unlike Dr. King's America, is not that blacks are incarcerated or segregated.

> *"Whenever a people lose hope, there is no hope for that people."*
>
> Rev. Benjamin T. Hailey,
> Keynote speaker

Rather, the problem in contemporary America is that decades of incarceration and segregation have caused blacks, as a people, to lose hope.

Hailey went on to assert that oppression, which has become part of the black psyche, breeds a mentality of hopelessness.

He stated, "Whenever a people lose hope, there *is* no hope for that people."

Subsequently, this hopelessness forces blacks to reduce their standards and live down to them.

Hailey argued that this ultimately results in economic depression and education deficiencies in the black community.

According to Hailey, here lies the injustice that must be fought against in contemporary America.

He pleads that we, as a nation, must unite in harmony with one another to create a society where each individual sacrifices himself or herself for the improvement of others in particular and for the betterment of society in general.

According to Hailey, we must come together in communion with our brothers and sisters to ameliorate the plight of those who suffer inequalities.

In doing this, Hailey is confident that we can return to the divine principles upon which our nation was founded.

He said, "One nation under God, with liberty and justice for all."

COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 5

some extent, only because it prohibits two faculty members from the same department from being on the council.

Baar remarked, "It was important to the President to get as broad a representation of the faculty as possible."

Currently, the election of members has already occurred for the three representatives from each division of study.

Representatives have been selected from the divisions of science, social science and humanity.

The final three members from faculty committees are being nominated by their respective committees and these nominations will be submitted by the end of the week.

In addition, Baar stated that she hopes the election process will be done very soon, possibly sometime this week.

With a speedy election process, the new representatives will be able to take the places of the provisional members who are currently in place.

"Hopefully the committee will be in complete operation sometime next week," said Baar.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 18 Low: 0	High: 26 Low: 14	High: 31 Low: 24

OFF CAMPUS

LOCAL REGIONS POUNDED BY SNOW STORM

Lehigh county, Pa – This past weekend, the Lehigh Valley saw the season's first major snowfall. About 10 to 15 inches of snow fell across eastern Pennsylvania between 11:00 a.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Sunday, according to Mark DeLisi, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

The storm originated in Canada and left anywhere from 2.5 inches in Gettysburg to 18 inches in Blairstown, N.J., before returning north toward Cape Cod.

Most main roads were cleared by Sunday morning, and very few vehicles were seen on the roads.

One problem that many towns faced were residents shoveling snow into the streets.

In Allentown, residents may receive fines or even be placed in jail for shoveling snow into the streets, according to city spokeswoman Audrey Cashman.

According to police and communication center dispatchers, most people seemed to follow the emergency advisories to stay off the streets during the worst of the weather.

Those who did venture out were advised to do so with great caution.

LEHIGH COUNTY ZOO LEASED TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Lehigh county, Pa- The Lehigh County Zoo has been leased to the nonprofit Lehigh Valley Zoological Society. The 29-acre zoo near Schnecksville will be managed by Steven K. Marks, a Bucks County veterinarian.

Marks's goals for the zoo include winning accreditation for the facility from the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.

Marks helped win accreditation for the Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown in 2000 soon after his arrival. Marks is confident that he can do the same for the Lehigh Valley Zoo.

Accredited zoos become eligible for state money not available to others, and the distinction helps boost corporate and foundation donations by giving credibility to the operation, according to Marks. The accreditation also makes it easier to trade animals and otherwise interact with other member zoos.

County commissioners leased the zoo to the society, a company created solely to save the zoo. If the zoo continued with its spending, it would likely have to close due to lack of funds.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

BOARD

FROM PAGE 5

guished group that reflects diversity of professions, gender and age.

The process of becoming a member of the Board of Observers is parallel to how members of the Board of Trustees are selected.

Names are sent to the nomination committee of the Board of Trustees and after a personal meeting with Helm, the full Board votes.

According to Helm, one of the goals of the Board of Observers is to get advice on how the College's departments are doing by letting "intelligent lay people" observe them.

Helm said another goal is to "create a group of informed advocates of the College who can talk about it with some authority."

The Board of Trustees approved Helm's idea for the Board of Observers in Jan. 2004.

Helm said although the idea was his, he discussed it with the Board of Trustees and the College's academic departments.

He said other schools have similar groups to the Board of Observers, but are arranged differently.

The first members were elected in Oct. 2004.

Orientation will be occurring this weekend with the first visits scheduled to occur sometime this semester.

The first 12 elected members to the Board of Observers are as follows: Richard Ben-Veniste '64, John W. Blend III '68, Barbara Crossette '61, Susan Eisenhauer '77, Malcom J. Gross '62, Nancy Hutton, M.D. '75, David Kaugher '66, Carl Lam, M.D. '59, C. Ray Lechler '66, Sarah Stegemoeller '75, Harold Stovall '77 and Karen Wagoner '71.

CRIME

FROM PAGE 1

vide a statistics report on campus related crime within the next three weeks.

Some might perceive these crimes as organized and being solely targeted at the College.

Lupole disagrees, citing that similar crimes have occurred at the Blockbuster and Hollywood video stores, and that it appears to be more than just a problem at the College, but an Allentown problem.

When asked how students could be pro-active and help themselves, Lupole stated that the easiest thing to do was to "lock your doors and use your window locks."

"We have suggested to students who are living on non-campus property to ask their landlords for dead bolts. I will be happy to support their requests and help them acquire dead bolts from their landlords," stated Lupole.

> *"We have suggested to students who are living on non-campus property to ask their landlords for dead bolts."*
>
> Ken Lupole,
> Director of Campus Safety

In regards to avoiding the possibility of robberies, Lupole suggested using the escort service that Campus Safety provides.

In addition, if students are walking alone in the neighborhood at night, they should be observant and present themselves with confidence.

Lupole noted that many of the robbery incidents occurred when the victims were tired, inebriated or just "not on top of their game."

Lately, Campus Safety has provided a great deal of effort towards preventing these crimes.

Campus Safety officers continuously walk through the neighborhoods surrounding the college campus at night.

In addition, the College has also hired two Allentown Police officers, referred to as "extra duty police" in order to assist Campus Safety in their patrols around campus and at the Tremont Apartments.

A crime watch group is also being organized by students and Campus Safety. This group will be taught pro-active techniques in regards to providing a safer atmosphere for the College Community.

Volunteers are needed and more information will be provided.

Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 15 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2216 Liberty St. due to cooking.

Jan. 17 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – A student was found passed out in a shower stall of Prosser Hall. He was transported to St. Luke's Hospital and has been referred to the judicial process.

Jan. 17 – Drug Possession – Louis Joliat '08 and Robert Wisoff '08, both of Walz Hall, were arrested for possessing marijuana. Both have been referred to the judicial process.

Jan. 17 – Injured Student – A student who suffered a leg injury during a track meet signed a refusal form for medical transport and was instructed to go to the Health Center the next day.

Jan. 19 – Theft – A chef's coat was stolen from Seegers Union.

Jan. 19 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A student slid and hit a parked non-student vehicle on 22nd and Liberty St.

Jan. 19 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2235 Gordon St. due to cooking.

Jan. 19 – Injured Students – Two students playing racquetball were hit in the face and received lacerations to the eye. They were transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Jan. 19 – Injured Student – A student in South Hall had a back injury and was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Jan. 20 – Theft – Bags of coffee were taken from the Seegers Union kitchen.

Jan. 21 – Noise Complaint – APD was called to 420 N. 22nd St. and made a Disruptive Conduct Report.

Jan. 21 – Theft – Campus Safety is currently investigating a possible theft at the bookstore.

Jan. 21 – Suspicious Person – An individual in Prosser Hall with a suspicious story was given a letter of trespass.

Jan. 22 – Suspicious Activity – The smell of marijuana was detected in Walz Hall. Campus Safety found nothing.

Jan. 22 – Injured Student – A student who sustained an eye injury refused medical attention and was advised to visit the Health Center on Monday.

Jan. 22 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A student reported an egg being thrown on his car on N. 22nd St.

Jan. 22 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – One student in Walz Hall was referred to the judicial process.

Jan. 22 – Intoxicated Person – An intoxicated student in Brown Hall was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and was referred to the judicial process.

Jan. 23 – Strong Arm Robbery – A robbery was reported in the 400 block of Collins St. between Leh and 22nd St. The suspect approached the victim, grabbed her and took items from her. The suspect is a Hispanic male age 25 to 30 years, approximately 5'5" to 5'8" in height, with a large mustache extending to the chin. He wore a dark colored knit cap with two backwards E's on it, a long sleeve gray hooded sweatshirt, and black baggy painter-type pants with a brown knife sheath on the leg. Allentown Police Department and Campus Safety are investigating the incident.

Jan. 23 – Theft – Four students had boots stolen from their hallway in Taylor Hall.

Jan. 23 – Injured Student – A student with a recurring ankle injury was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Jan. 23 – Sexual Assault – A sexual assault was reported to Campus Safety by a College employee who was told of the incident by the victim. The incident occurred at a College-owned housing facility between Jan. 21 and Jan. 23.

Jan. 23 – Sexual Assault – A sexual and indecent assault was reported to Campus Safety. The incident occurred during the 2004 Fall Semester. The suspect is a student.

Jan. 24 – Theft – A shovel was stolen out of the back of a Plant Operations truck that was parked outside the Life Sports Center. The value of the shovel is $22.50.

Jan. 24 – Motor Vehicle Accident – An MW Wood truck driven by an employee backed up into a tow truck on Prosser Drive.

Here's a Great Idea!

Become a
STUDENT ADVISOR
For Orientation 2005

Needed: Enthusiastic and Responsible
Male and Female students from the
classes of 2006, 2007, and 2008

If you are interested in being part of this
rewarding experience, stop by the office of
Dean Carol Shiner Wilson, 3rd Floor Haas
to pick up an application

Applications are due Monday, February 7
at 12 noon

Heard about the expansion planned for SEEGERS UNION?

No??

Really???

Come find out about BOTH at the

Campus Facilities Update
Tuesday, February 1
5:30 p.m.
Moyer Hall, Miller Forum

and now, the magic words...
Refreshments Served!

WEEKLY
life!

> **"Life is rather like a tin of sardines--**
> **we're all of us looking for the key."**
>
> **-Alan Bennett**

MLK Celebration: Event with Soul

By Elizabeth Pendley
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The Egner Memorial Chapel was transformed into a stage for cultural presentations, dance, song and speech. The Office of Multicultural Life planned a special remembrance service in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of Multicultural Life, invited the Rev. Benjamin T. Hailey Sr., pastor of Union Baptist church, to be the keynote speaker. Hailey addressed his speech to the topic of "At what price, Peace?"

The remembrance service, which was well-attended by Muhlenberg students, members of the Union Baptist church and of the community alike, began with a prayer by Rev. Peter Bredlau.

Next, Charles McPherson, a member of Hailey's congregation, re-read excerpts from the famed "I Have a Dream" speech by Martin Luther King, Jr. in which King reminded those gathered at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963, that "one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free."

As Charles McPherson recounted King's speech, four young dancers clad in black leotards and gold skirts walked slowly up the aisle of the church.

Dancers Erica Smith '07 and Tauilei, Yahana, and Kyrah McPherson, members of the Baptist Union Congregation, performed a beautiful dance to "Fight On" by Sounds of Blackness that was representative of the struggle against racism. This dance performance was followed by a reading of celebrated African American poet Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise," expressively read by first-year student Damara Gonzalez '08.

Debra VanderWeit '06 followed Gonzalez's presentation with the song "Reflections" from Mulan.

The song seemed apropos for an evening of commemorating the struggle against all forms of racism, as Debra sang about "a world where I have to hide my heart/and what I believe in/but somehow I will show the world/what's inside my heart/and be loved for who I am."

The Soul Sound Steppers were the next cultural presentation. Wearing all black much like the former dance group, the Steppers performed an exciting piece consisting of dance, rhythm and words.

Their presentation was followed by thunderous applause from the audience. After the audience had calmed a bit, Risa Hamilton-Lightfoot '07 read the poem "Belly Song (for the Daytop Family)" by Etheridge Knight.

A Chorus Celebrating Women (ACCO), sung two songs before the keynote speaker took the stage.

The chorus fit nicely into the evenings celebration of diversity because the chorus members were a mix of races and ages, yet all were united because they wore the same attire: black outfits with multi-colored scarves.

The first piece the group sung, "Peace," was accompanied by guitar, and the second and final piece was a traditional South African Zulu song, "Babetandaza," sung a capella.

Hailey, the keynote speaker, addressed the audience next (see page six: "Local Reverend remembers Martin Luther King Jr. during service").

After Hailey's speech commenced, the audience joined together in singing the old hymn, "Lift Evr'y Voice and Sing." The audience seemed to become united through the hymn as they raised their voices in heartfelt song. Filing out of the Chapel that night, many left with more peaceful hearts and minds. The celebration had achieved its goal. In hosting this event, the Office of Multicultural Life helped college students work towards Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision for a better, more peaceful world.

Members of the Allentown community also benefited from Thursday night's events, as well as parishioners of Hailey's church, Union Baptist. It was a cultural experience to remember.

Soul Sound Steppers wow the crowd with their rhythmic performance, which evoked traditional African melodies. Many of the Soul Sound Steppers have extensive dance training, and it was evident in their work.

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH PENDLEY

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO IN THE SNOW?

"I like to pick it up and throw it at people."

-Jason Spencer '05

"Sledding, no, body sledding!"

-Beth Schnapp '08

"Nothing, cause I hate snow."

-Alexis Carnuccio '06

"In the snow, I like to play football and tackle girls."

-John Januzzi '07

"Sleep. It's my favorite activity."

-Amy Steinbauer '06

States of Shock:

Biting Gulf War criticism still relevant

By Dan McClung
ASSISTANT LIFE! EDITOR

Proper Villains Theatre Company, a group of former and current Muhlenberg students, performed Sam Shepard's States of Shock on campus last weekend. The timing of the play, despite the debilitating snowfall, couldn't be more appropriate given the inauguration, the Iraqi elections and the steadily intensifying national debate concerning the current war. The play is fierce, dark and blunt in its criticism of American military practice, and it is more relevant now than it was when it was first written as a response to the Gulf War.

The play is set in a "family restaurant," scantily decorated with a checkered floor and two round tables. Seated at one of the two tables is a couple straight out of Albee's The Sandbox or The American Dream, billed simply as "white man" (Brian Byus '07) and "white woman" (Kristy Greener '06) who spend a majority of the play complaining about the service in the establishment. They in turn contrast with the Colonel (David Stanger '02) and Stubbs (Matt Kelley '03), who enter and occupy the other table.

The Colonel is the embodiment of the stereotypical military officer. He is very brusque, short-tempered and repeatedly toasts to the enemy for making war possible. Stubbs is an alternately comatose and plain spoken soldier, wounded from a direct hit by artillery fire, which apparently went through him and killed the Colonel's son.

The Colonel spends most of the first half of the play attempting to recreate his son's death by making Stubbs arrange various plastic tanks and figures on the table. They order banana splits, the couple at the other table nags the waitress (Shannon Lambert-Ryan '03) and Stubbs professes his impotence and wheels around the stage blowing his whistle and exposing his wound to the audience as bombs drop outside.

As the play progresses it becomes very dark. Stubbs shouts at the couple, the Colonel harasses Stubbs and the waitress becomes more and more visibly fragile. Later, sexual tension develops between the Colonel and the waitress which culminates in an awkward dance involving a tray.

What ultimately arises is a statement aimed directly at the audience. When Stubbs repeatedly shows his wound, it is as if he is forcing the audience to realize the fundamental result of war which the media rarely show in its true form. This resonates even more today than it did in the early 90s when the "aiding" of Kuwait was documented furiously. These days, the American Public is given very little in terms of actual war footage. Sam Shepard attacks this as a governmental and military infringement for the purpose of maintaining public complacency.

Further, the impatient, suburban snobbery of the "white" couple and their placement alongside Stubbs and the Colonel question the attention of the American public. All of this culminates in a brutal scene in which the Colonel masochistically beats Stubbs to the sound of artillery fire and bombs dropping while "white man" masturbates and the waitress huddles at the back of the stage.

It is ultimately difficult to convey the play in words since it relies upon the intensity of its situations and direction for its result. Patrons may have left the production sapped by its second half, primarily on account its raw intensity.

For the most part the play was executed very well, though the Stubbs character was handled poorly in the first half of the production. He would be entirely comatose and drooling one minute, and suddenly liven up and speak expressively about how he felt when he was injured the next. Though the purpose of this could have been to figuratively give a voice to the voiceless

SEE SHOCK | PAGE 12

Intimate poetry in an intimate setting:

Theo Rutherford and Chris Shepard jam in the Red Door

By Jackie Starner
ASSISTANT LIFE! EDITOR

The Red Door was packed with students eager to hear the poetic jams of Theo Rutherford '08 and Chris Shepard '07 last Friday night. The Red Door felt more like a hip coffee house that night as Rutherford and Shepard brought intellectual entertainment the College. Although some of the poetry may have left audience members asking themselves "What did that mean?" Rutherford and Shepard elicited shouts of approval from the audience through many of their works.

One poem to which the audience enthusiastically responded was Rutherford's "God is a postcard," this not being the title of the poem but perhaps its most memorable line. Rutherford did not worry about offending people with his disapproval of organized religions' practice of making those who do not believe in God feel guilty. In his poem, he expressed his feeling that God needs to be discovered by everyone individually: "faith is a journey, not a guilt trip." Like Rutherford, Shepard was also not afraid to tackle controversial issues. In a poem that Shepard prefaced by saying, "sometimes we get pissed off and write things like this," he expressed the troubles he has experienced as a gay man. Like Rutherford, Shepard also expressed disapproval with aspects of organized religion. "Why would I choose to live this life?" Shepard asked in his poem. Shepard made reference to possible religious figures, who claimed that he had made a conscious choice to be gay.

The program took a more humorous turn as Rutherford examined a painful experience he had as a dyslexic child. Rutherford explained to the audience that he was not just dyslexic, but "hardcore dyslexic." In his poem, he recalled being called on to read in class, a dyslexic kid's worst nightmare. However, instead of struggling through the passage to the amusement of his non-dyslexic peers, he strolled up to the board and wrote f-u, purposely abbreviating the phrase because the odds of writing those seven letters in the right order are not that good for a dyslexic kid.

After Rutherford and Shepard had exhausted their poetic repertoires, they took on the challenge of writing a poem together in only five minutes. In about thirteen minutes, which is still an impressively short amount of time in which to write a poem, Shepard and Theo returned to the stage with two different poems which began with the same line: "You never know noise until you've experienced silence." They said that in the interest of time they chose not to collaborate, but instead to each develop their own unique poems from this single starting point.

Having competed in numerous poetry slams in the D.C. area,

SEE POETRY | PAGE 11

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Are We There Yet?
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 1:50, 4:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Coach Carter
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00,10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

In Good Company
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Meet the Fockers
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat.4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Racing Stripes
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 5:00, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

White Noise
Fri. 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

Hide and Seek
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Million Dollar Baby
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Winter Break: Break-Ups and Lie-Downs

By Christina Liciaga
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

IN THE NUDE

WELCOME BACK READERS AND LOVERS!

The ideal greeting: I hope your holidays were relaxing and enjoyable and that your New Years resolutions include making time to work on your emotional, mental and sexual relationship with your partner, in addition to promising yourself success and adventure.

The real greeting: I hope that you're surviving the snowfall and that your relationships haven't avalanched or crippled entirely because of a month of personal planning, high school reminiscence and self-absorption. However, realizing this is clinically the most depressing time of year, I understand the immediate befuddlement and illumination winter break provides, and hope it wasn't overwhelmingly parasitic.

In as much as I would like to believe in the ideal, this winter break has embraced my cynicism: committed partners are venturing off into sexual affairs and promiscuity; sexually active partners are neglecting to address safety concerns and finding themselves in unhappy predicaments; promises have been broken; trustworthy partners are now conniving sex fiends, liars, and jealous egoists; and long term couples in love have parted ways because of a radical shift in sentiments, still unexplained.

In fact, the most unfortunate element of winter break break-ups or change-ups is that the truth hasn't been laid down concerning their demise. Instead, a drastic deadbolt has been placed on relationships because of a one way transformation, ranging from new found religious vivacity (or torment) to a reassessment of personal desires and successes. We're committing ourselves to self-examination and reflection in order to purport personal progress, but we're neglecting to share our new selves (even through the metamorphoses) with our partners.

The severity of silence within relationships became ever clear to me after two experiences. The first in my living room, where my roommate relayed how she waited an hour and a half to hear her now ex-boyfriend explain what had happened in their relationship to make him fall out of love with her; he made no reply. The second was in my bathroom, where I read an article in Ebony's February edition that outlined what women really want from their men and vice versa. One on the list for women, was "She wants honesty (even if it hurts)." I realized then that the epidemic of post-winter break break-ups was a year round phenomenon: couples don't talk to each other with complete honesty, but rather resort to reading a magazine or a sex column to answer their questions and share their frustrations.

Since this is a sex column, I'll tell you quickly what you already know. Conversation and honesty are two of the most important things in a relationship, and yes, sex comes in at a tight third, but sex is never as good as when you can candidly enjoy it with your partner, and then talk about it afterwards.

So, if you can't talk about the status of your relationship, how are you possibly going to make advances in your sex life? It seems to me that if men and women just talked to each other--told one another their expectations, hesitations and limitations, then there wouldn't be all this second guessing. The couple would know how big a role religion really does play in the future of the relationship, and so both parties will understand that they're just in it for the ride, instead of one side trying to urge the other to convert. And if sex is really that big of an issue, either having it or remaining chaste, then that needs to be discussed before hitting the mountain of sexual frustration. Like I told my current partner, there are a thousand things between kissing and sex that you can do. He was surprised, I think, by my confidence in the variety. But it's

SEE SEX | PAGE 12

POETRY | FROM PAGE 10

Rutherford is a seasoned veteran at reading his poetry aloud to large audiences. Shepard, on the other hand, only began sharing his poetry with others earlier this year at Marathon Theater. However, both seemed equally composed as they shared their intimate poetry with their peers.

Rutherford also used Friday's event to garner support for beginning a poetry slam on campus, a project of his.

The way a poetry slam works, Rutherford explained, is that three to four poets compete against each other and are evaluated on a scale from one to ten by five audience members selected to be judges.

The top four poets from the College would then be sent to the National College Poetry Slam where they would compete against poets from other colleges and universities for cash prizes.

Hopefully, more events like this one will follow and give Rutherford and Shepard as well as college's other poets a venue through which to exhibit their work.

Rutherford placed a sign-up list in the Red Door for students interested in a poetry slam on campus. Many students showed their interest in such an event by signing-up to be audience members, poets and even judges.

LAURIEANDERSON

The End of the Moon

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 8 PM

Who taught you what beauty is?

In The End of the Moon, Anderson weaves stories, music, songs and words into epic portraits of American culture with her remarkable music for violin and electronics.

Challenging and entertaining, NASA's first artist-in-residence explores the meanings of beauty, freedom, time and war.

STUDENT TIX•$16-20

ZOELLNER
ARTS CENTER • LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
Call: 610-758-2787 (7LU-ARTS)
Order online: ztix.lehigh.edu
Free parking conveniently attached to the center

WACHOVIA
ARTS
EdgeEvents Funding:
The Rider-Pool Foundation

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE!

horoscopes

By Philli D'Vine and the writers of The Princess Bride

Aries

"There's a big difference between mostly dead and all dead."
And right now with the five credits your taking and those extracurriculars you naively decided to get involved in you're getting pretty close to all dead. But don't sweat it, grab some Chai tea and follow it with a Jolt chaser and you should be back to your old self in no time at least until you crash from your high.

Taurus

"Yes, you're very smart. Shut-up."
Seriously, you don't need to answer every single question in every single one of your classes. When the teacher puts a ban on you contributing to class discussions, maybe you should take the hint. Also, that blue tint that your hand has become is from the blood rushing away from your hand due to it constantly being in the air!

Gemini

"There's a shortage of perfect breasts in this world. It would be a pity to damage yours."
So be careful walking down, those slippery stairs in the snow. Its better to be late for class than to fall and become permanently disfigured. Plus, you don't want to get all that blood on your new coat, and you'll miss class anyway because you'll be going to the emergency room.

Cancer

"I'll explain, and I'll be sure to use small words you warthog-faced buffoon."
Why are you crying? Okay, okay maybe I was exaggerating, you don't look that bad. But when the wind chill factor causes it to feel like ten below zero, delicate human skin tends to suffer. So get some lotion and chapstick to remedy those bloody lips and peeling face.

Leo

"Hello, my name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father prepare to die."
Now why the heck did you have to kill his father because now he's really mad. Next time just think before you kill somebody's Dad because people are pretty attached to their fathers. And also don't upset a guy with a sword. Not so smart.

Virgo

"You mean you'll put down your rock, and I'll put down my sword and, we'll kill each other like civilized people?"
Weapons are not the answer. Next time you feel like throwing a rock at someone's head or beheading your roommate with your samurai sword, consider the alternative: mud wrestling...or use pudding instead.

Libra

"Life is pain, highness. Anyone who says differently is selling something."
So next time just turn-off that infomercial because though Proactiv claims that it will provide you will clear, beautiful skin, your skin is the least of your social problems. Even if your horrible acne does clear-up, you will still be a social outcast the likes of Quasimodo.

Scorpio

"This is true love you think this happens every day?"
Okay, I'm sorry to burst your bubble here, but you've only known him for one week! I know it might feel like true love now, but your relationship may soon sour. Just a hint: he may not be telling you the whole truth. Like when he says he's not seeing anyone else, that doesn't mean that he's not pleasuring himself online.

Sagittarius

"I just don't think it's right, killing an innocent girl."
Really! Did you come to that conclusion all by yourself? While your at it why don't you inform the world that you should never, ever eat baby kittens because I'm sure there are some people out there who were seriously considering it. Okay, maybe in Chinatown, but that's besides the point.

Capricorn

"There is nothing nearby... Not for miles."
Yeah, that's what life's like at Muhlenberg, well at least if you're a freshman and deprived of your car.. Oh and don't try walking to try and escape the dreaded Mule bus because if Shuttle Steve sees you on the side of the road, he will stop to pick you up. Wow that guy takes his job seriously!

Aquarius

"You have a great gift for rhyme."
But you're no cat in the hat, so please stop rhyming every sentence you get. Okay, I know that last one was a slant rhyme, but come on I just don't have time. So here's the bottom line, if you don't try to stop that rhyme I'm going to dunk your head in a pickle brine. Haha, jk! But seriously, you need to stop.

Pisces

"Inconceivable."
No, actually that much homework is not inconceivable. So what if you have to stay up all night five days a week? Isn't that what you're paying $40,000 a year to do? I know I'm working two jobs every summer and at Christmas break to be deprived of sleep and nourishment. Isn't college great! Wahoo!

SEX FROM PAGE 11

true: get some toys, read some books, and try some new things. But, talk about it with your partner first.

I won't pretend to know how to better your emotional relationship, but once you've worked out and through all your silenced sentiments and thoughts, and are ready to move toward a more candid sex life, here are some hints that will help:

1. Talk to your partner about what you want from him/her. Let him know you don't like his flirting with his ex-girlfriend; if anal sex hurts too much; that you want more clitoral stimulation before penetration; that you need to be held after sex or want more sexless foreplay.

2. Listen to your partner. This is a really difficult thing to do, particularly if your partner is saying something you don't like or agree with, i.e. telling you she doesn't want to have sex before she's married when you're at your sexual peak. All the same, if you listen to her, she'll listen to you, so take the time to fully hear her out.

3. Take a stab at romance. With this I mean, leave small love notes, call in the middle of the day just because, send flowers, tape the Eagles game she really wanted to watch or make him breakfast in bed. Realize that sex is all the better if there's foreplay, and foreplay doesn't have to be sexual, in fact, the less sexual it is, the more chance it has of excitment without expectations. Once your partner thinks you're doing something just to get something, the romance has been rapidly shifted to egotistical mind-games and no longer has the promise of honesty and sincerity marked out with #1 and #2.

4. Shift up your sex life. Try new positions; introduce props or play out one of your fantasies; greet him with nothing but a cowboy hat on, or bring a vibrator to bed with both of you. If you're not having sex, try toys or food. Cover his genitals with your favorite ice cream topping and lick it off before it melts, try masturbating in front of each other or taking naked showers and washing your partner's body.

5. Lastly, talk about each step, particularly changes in your sex life, and evaluate what you like or dislike, and what you'd like to try next. Let your sex life evolve into healthy and honest experimentation and exploration. And as you find out new and exciting things about each other, share them.

As a parting note, understand that these shifts in your sex life won't automatically change your emotional relationship. In fact, you ought to work on your mental and emotional stimulation before heading straight for the physical, but the same tactics ought to be used. That is, share your expectations and anxieties, listen, take a stab at romance, try with renewed effort to remedy any problems you may be having and then discuss your progress with your partner. As long as the paths of communication are open, there should be no post-Winter surprise break-ups, because you'll know if there's a problem in your relationship straight away. Take the time to lay-down the truth, for yourself and for your partner, and if you can still lie with your partner, you've made successful progress. Good luck!

SHOCK FROM PAGE 10

by externally demonstrating internal complexity, the transitions between Stubbs' states of consciousness were still not fluid enough.

It is unclear as to whether this was specified by Shepard, or the act of director Matthew R. Moore, but it simply did not work. Moore's pacing was also a bit off, and there were gaps in the volley of dialogue that should not have been there.

Despite these flaws, however, the acting was quite solid, and the play was ultimately very affective, and it is refreshing to see a controversial artistic work brought to the College. The audience seemed contemplative as they left the theatre on account of the serious nature and content of the play. Its angry criticism was spot on, and it is haunting that the play hasn't lost any of its significance over a decade after its origi-

"I wish you'd get out of my Life (I) and shut up!"

-NAPOLEON DYNAMITE

Hey, if Napoleon kicks you out of his life, we want YOU in OURS!

Write for Life!

CONTACT:

Jackie at Ext: 6179

or

Sarah at Ext: 4455

Dominating the court and the classroom

Mule Profile: Ryan Bonda

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

As any athlete can tell, the numbers only say so much about how a person plays the game. While his statistics are nothing less than impressive, men's basketball player Senior Ryan Bonda's modest demeanor and positive attitude are only some of the intangible qualities he brings to the team.

A four year Varsity letter athlete for the team (7-4, 4-3), the senior guard has managed to secure his name in the record books. Bonda currently ranks third in scoring on the team, averaging nine and a half points per game. He claims the rights to the highest scoring game by an active Mule, which he earned during a 37 point effort against Widener University in 2003.

Even more impressive perhaps, is the feat Bonda accomplished this season: being the eighth Mule to make 100 career three-pointers. He reached the century mark against Dickinson College on Jan. 5, the same night that his Coach, Dave Madeira, tied the College's record for the winningest coach with 256 wins.

The 6'1" guard from Peckville, Pa. graduated from Valley View High School with varsity letters in football and basketball. During the basketball off-season, Bonda played for a competitive Association of American Universities Travel Team (AAU) made up of the best players in Northeastern Pa. Along with leading his AAU team to nationals in Las Vegas, Nv. as a junior, Bonda was a 1,000 point scorer and finished his high school career as the second leading scorer in Lackawanna County.

Upon evaluating Bonda's high school accomplishments, it is obvious that the Mule leader's success this season is a result of his hard work and determination throughout his entire basketball career. As Bonda made the transition to playing basketball from high school to the collegiate level, his achievements have continued to be nothing less than extraordinary.

In college, Bonda was named to the Moravian Greyhound All-Tournament team as a sophomore and was also named to the Scotty Wood All-Tournament team this season for the second time in his career.

In addition to the aforementioned honors, Bonda was also selected as Centennial Conference Player of the Week and made the Centennial Conference Honor Roll during his sophomore season.

One of only four seniors, Bonda claims the season's team dynamic is a refreshing change from that of the previous season. "Last season we had an extremely young team with no senior class and a lot of freshmen. This year it's our last year for the seniors; and because of all the freshmen we had last year we have allot more more experience," Bonda said.

"As a team, we're better. And because I'm a senior I try to be a leader on the court, making the right call at the right time, making clutch shots, and just helping the team win," he explained.

The underclassmen on the team look up to Bonda and the senior leadership he displays on the court. Sophomore Tom Scott describes Bonda as "the type of player that leads by example. He is a hard worker and a real team player. He cares more about the win than personal statistics."

In Bonda's four varsity seasons, the team has never made it to the NCAA tournament. Bonda would like to see his team make it in his final season. First the team would need to make the Centennial Conference playoffs by placing in the top five of ten teams: "If we make it, anything can happen. We could upset the number one team or end up being the number one team," said Bonda.

If the team achieves this goal, Bonda's parents and grandfather are sure to be in the stands, as they have been fixtures in the bleachers throughout his career. "My father and grandfather come to just about every home game," Bonda said.

"My family [is] from Scranton which is over an hour away from here but they make sacrifices to come see me play," said Bonda.

In addition to his athletic achievements, Bonda, an Accounting and Business Administration double major, is also a successful student, a difficult task for a Varsity athlete juggling a rigorous course load.

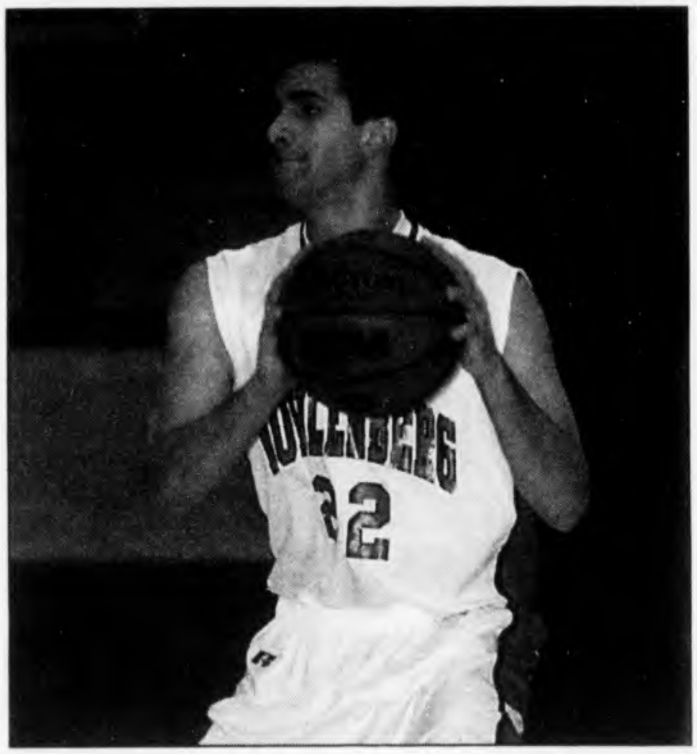
"Originally it was difficult to balance everything as a freshman, but basketball has made me more disciplined and organized. It helped out with academics, keeping me on top of things," said Bonda. His efforts have paid off, as Bonda was named to the Lehigh Valley Small College Scholar-Athlete Team this season.

Bonda is also involved in other College activities, such as the Business and Economics club and he and his team volunteer for the "Dream to Read" program. As part of this program, the players volunteer their time to read to local youths at the Jefferson School.

"It's basically to stress the importance of reading to inner city kids. We're all older so they look up to us; we just try to have some influence in their lives," said Bonda.

After his competitive basketball career comes to an end, Bonda will start working next fall at one of the Big Four accounting firms, Deloitte & Touche.

Though he is ready for this change in his life, Bonda will surely miss the camaraderie of his teammates. "I'm basically friends with everyone on the team. I've met a lot of good people through basketball; the team is really close knit, and I am thankful for all of the friendships that it has given me."



Ryan Bonda looks to pass the ball to a teammate.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

INDOOR TRACK

FROM PAGE 14

at the Orange and Maroon Classic hosted by Susquehanna University. Drosdick cleared the high jump with a personal best of 5 foot even and a third place finish.

In the 55m hurdles, Drosdick improved her time to 9.08. Hankee placed seventh with her time of 9.01 and was qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

Belisonzi finished the 1,500m race in second place with a time of five minutes and six seconds. This is the fourth best time in College history.

The Mules men's team also placed strongly at the Kutztown Invitational.

Rothwell, Seniors Calvin Tintle and Christopher Martin and Sophomore Lex Mercado provided a noteworthy race in the distance medley relay. Though the team was in fourth place when Tintle handed the baton to Martin, Martin managed to pass three teams in order to win the race. Their time of 11:05.16 was just two seconds ahead of Adelphi University.

Sophomore Stephen Rothwell placed second in the mile with Martin finishing less than three seconds behind him with a time of 4:38.24. Sophomore Tim Seeley came in six seconds later in eighth place.

Senior John Brodowski finished in the top half of the field in the high jump, long jump and 55m hurdles. In the long jump, his 20-5 jump placed him in fifth; in the high jump, he jumped six feet even placing fourth. While these events were going on, he also managed to compete in the 55m hurdles and place third with a time of 8.21 seconds.

Sophomore Lex Mercado placed fourth with a time of 52.37 seconds.

In the Orange and Maroon Classic, Mercado finished in 1:58.01. While this was not his personal best, Mercado not only won the race but stayed ahead of all the other runners by more than two seconds for the entire race. This also bested his time of 2:03.19 from last year's invitational.

Seeley came in fourth with a time of 15:47.30 in the 5,000m. His time beat his personal best by nearly half a minute.

In the 4x200, the team of Juniors Jason Finkelstein and Caffery Garff, Brodowski and Mercado came in second with a finish of 1:36.12.

The Mules meet DeSales University and Ursinus College on Fri. at 4:00 p.m.

Winning career, winningest coach

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

On Jan. 5, Coach Madeira became the College's winningest coach when the men's basketball team defeated Dickinson College. It was his 255th win, tying him with Athletic Director Sam Beidleman who coached baseball from 1970-1992.

Four games later, Madeira surpassed Beidleman's record and tallied his 256th career win when his team beat McDaniel College in a nail-biting 78-74 victory.

Madeira joined the College's coaching staff in 1982 as assistant coach. Then, in 1987, he took over as head coach and has had much success since. In the past seventeen years, he led his team to eight division titles, two conference championships and received two NCAA Tournament bids in 1995 and 1997. From 1997-2002, his team won five back-to-back division titles.

When preparing for a season, Coach Madeira noted the importance of the players' dedication and mental toughness. He stated that they must be "interested and motivated to become better basketball players. Since there is no traditional off-season in basketball, the players have to improve on their own. It's on the players to work on individual skills and that's the most important thing," he said.

When asked how he best prepares for a game, Madeira shines the spotlight away from himself, sharing that it is the players' focus and hard work that has the most impact during practice. He said, "The players have to really focus on the game plan and set the tone for how they're going to play by how they come out at practice."

Along with his success on the court, Madeira has had success off the court in expanding his players' minds and experiences. Every three years the team goes to Europe to combine competitive basketball with sightseeing. He designs the trips as much for the cultural experience as for the opportunity to play basketball overseas. In the past decade, the team traveled to Ireland in '03, Spain in '00, Germany and Austria in '97 and the British Isles in '94.

Coach Madeira values academics and is involved in the students' lives, requesting progress reports and stressing to the players the importance of balancing the classwork and the work they put in on the court. When asked about the changes over the past eighteen years of coaching, Madeira noted significant improvements to the athletics facilities.

"Since I've been here, it's taken two changes. At one point, all we had was Memorial Hall and the lobby. Then there was the addition of the Field House, swimming pool and racquetball courts, and now all of a sudden we have the new addition to the Life Sports Center, which is magnificent," Madeira said.

He continued, "The original weight room was the old wrestling practice room, which is about one-tenth of the weight room now. Now there is the fitness loft, and it has all been neat to watch and has really helped our athletes."

Madeira notes what has not changed over the years--the type of student-athlete the College brings in. "We get young men that are academically oriented and have a realistic grip of life. That's one of the most rewarding things--to work with young men that are going to work hard in the classroom and in the court. Most of them will never play in the NBA, and so they have to work on their academics and find a balance between the classroom and the basketball court," said Madeira.

Coach Madeira is as well rounded as his student-athletes and involves himself in areas outside of the court. He is the Aquatics Director, in charge of the lifeguard staff, assuring they are certified and working out their schedules. He also teaches Fitness and Wellness classes and is the Campus Christian Fellowship advisor.

'Berg senior runs to support former teammate

By Liz Einhorn
Weekly Sports Writer

Allison Marman '05 ran the P.F. Chang's Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon in Phoenix, Az. on Jan. 9, 2005. The marathon was sponsored by the Team in Training organization. Team in Training is a comprehensive endurance-training program for runners, walkers, cyclists and triathletes to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's fundraising efforts. Team in Training programs work toward increasing funding to discover cures and treatments for Leukemia. Marman ran the marathon in honor of her former women's lacrosse teammate, Kristen Kastner '04.

Kastner was diagnosed with thyroid cancer the summer after her junior year. She underwent a thyroidectomy and received radiation treatments. These treatments prevented Kastner from playing field hockey in the fall of her senior year, but she went on to play lacrosse in the spring, becoming a team captain and a role model to her team. Kastner's strength and determination clearly had an impact on her teammates and friends at the College.

Marman said that running the 26 1/2 mile marathon (which she completed in a five and a half hour timeframe) was "my way of telling Kristen that she means so much to me, and that I will forever be with her in her fight, no matter how hard it gets. I love her very much, and she played a huge role in my life, especially last year. The strength she showed and the vibrant way she lived kind of changed me in a way. I will never know exactly what she went through, but this was my way of showing her that I respect her battle, and I want to help," said Marman.

Marman spent the Fall 2004 semester and winter break leading up to the marathon training and raising funds. She reached out to members of the College Community, family and friends and sought support from individuals in her hometown of East Meadow, Long Island.

While many seniors gain a reputation for laziness and having as much fun as possible before entering the real world, Marman participated in something in which she believed and challenged herself, showing dedication to her friend and the Team in Training program. When asked if she would participate in a marathon run again, Marman responded, "I would do it again in a heartbeat, and we [will] this spring. After that I want to do another but as a triathlon instead. I hate swimming so that would be another challenge for me. If someone was interested [in running a marathon], go for it. It will absolutely change your life. You'll encounter some of the most unselfish, supportive and genuinely good people on the earth."

"I ended up running with a 'teammate' Rich, who has run fifteen marathons for Team in Training. He didn't care how he did, he only thought about me and getting the nerves out of me and helping me to the finish line. I don't know that I would have finished as well without him. That was huge for me; you don't meet people like that everyday. During this, I met about a dozen and my life is better for it," Marman said. Along with Dr. Tammy Lewis, Head of the Sociology and Anthropology Department. Marman is organizing a half marathon to be run in Allentown this spring.

Mules on the right track

By Kristen Ziegler
Sports Editor

INDOOR
TRACK & FIELD

The Mule women opened the season at the Kutztown Invitational with several participants ranking in the top five in their events. Though the teams at the Invitational were primarily from Division II, they also competed against Centennial Conference members Franklin and Marshall and Ursinus Colleges.

Senior Danielle Bovelle broke the College's record in the 300m with a third place finish of 44.44 seconds. Her teammates, Freshman Jenna Lombardi and Senior Ashlie Hankee came in sixth and seventh respectively. Lombardi's time of 46.94 and Hankee's time of 46.97 seconds put them both in the top of the field. Lombardi continued her efforts to win in the 4x400m. She, along with Junior Danielle Seiler, Senior Samantha Sachleben and Sophomore Lillian Hatfield finished with a time of four minutes and 32 seconds. This team ended the event in fourth place. Fellow CC member Franklin and Marshall's team finished just behind the Mules with a time of 4 minutes and 41 seconds.

Senior Jenna Belisonzi, competing for the first time on the indoor track and field team, not only placed fourth in the mile with a time of five minutes and 34 seconds, but also completed the distance medley with teammates Senior Katherine Macomber, Junior Karen Mount and Sophomore Stephanie Conicella. This team placed fourth with a time under fourteen minutes.

Sophomore Rachel Drosdick finished third in the high jump and eighth in the long jump. In the high hurdles, she qualified for the finals with a time of 9.44. In the high jump, Drosdick, Sophomore Jacquelyn Inverso and Freshman Lauren Carballo all jumped 4-11 3/4 feet.

The Mules went on to another non-scoring event

SEE **INDOOR TRACK**
PAGE 13

Mules come up short

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Although the Mules (8-6, 4-4) lost to the Garnet by a final score of 82-85, the comeback they made at the end of the game was nothing less than extraordinary.

At halftime, Swarthmore College led by seventeen points. They shot 56 percent in the first half to give themselves a cushioned lead over the home team. Within the first four minutes of the second half the Garnet had increased their lead to 24 points.

Finally, when the score reached 56-32, the Mules began their comeback effort, which would eventually put them within three points of the Garnet.

Junior Lacie Smith and Sophomore Meghan Courtney led the offensive effort, as both had crucial consecutive baskets to bring the Mules back from their scoring deficit.

With less than three minutes left in the game, Junior Kristen Piscadlo sparked the final scoring run with a three point play. Freshman Abra Like and Junior Tiffany Kirk followed Piscadlo's lead as they each knocked down a three pointer, continuing the Mules comeback.

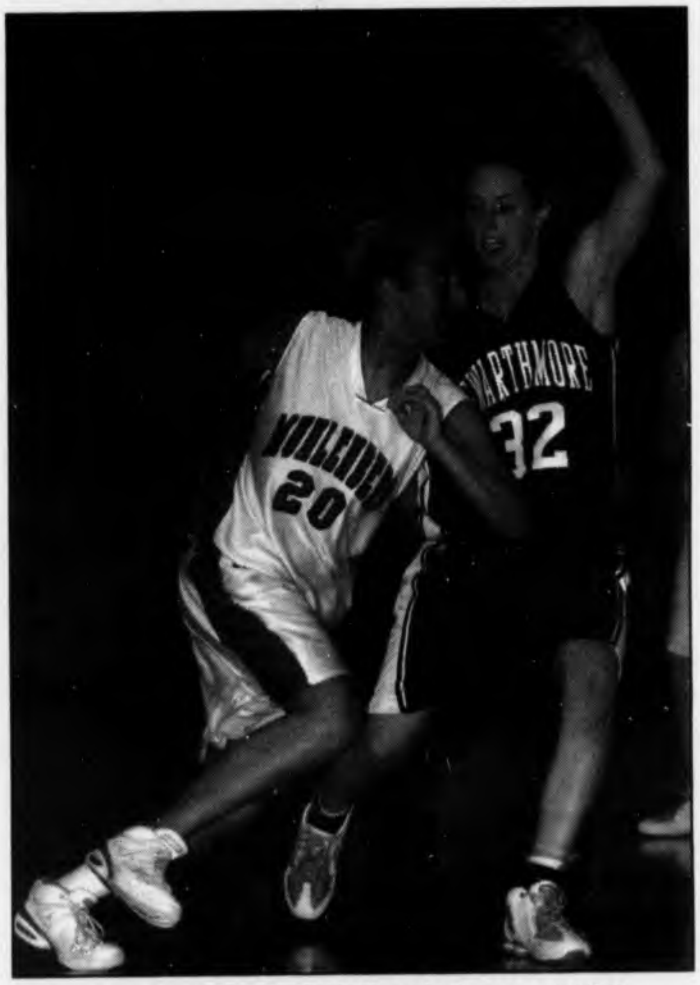
The comeback attempt by the Mules fell short, however, and they picked up their fourth consecutive Centennial Conference loss and their first home loss to the Garnet (8-6, 5-4) in the College's history.

"I was proud that we came back and played how we did in the second half. It really proved that we just need to get our game started again and be more aggressive because we are capable of performing very well," said Piscadlo.

Junior Stephanie Coluccini agreed with Piscadlo: "We think we played a really good second half, but the problem is that we get too far behind in the beginning, which hurts us. We also realize that we are not the same exact team as last year, and we have to work hard to achieve the same goals that we attained last year. However, we are optimistic about the rest of the season and believe that making it to the Centennial Championships is a definite possibility."

Although the season is not going as well as the team planned, the Mules continue to support one another. "We are really encouraging of one another and push each other to do the best that we can to prepare for our competition. I know no matter what happens, our team will always be close," said Piscadlo.

Overall, Piscadlo finished with seventeen points, six assists and four steals, while Coluccini led the Mules with eighteen points and seven rebounds.



Junior Sam Tager guards the ball against an aggressive Swarthmore competitor.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Did You Know?

In 1871, the name of the Kentucky Derby winner was telegraphed from London to Calcutta. This was the first instance of global electronic communications. It took less than five minutes.

http://www.didyouknow.cd/fastfacts/sports.htm

Write for Sports

Contact

Allison Auclair at
aauclair@
muhlenberg.edu

Kristen Ziegler at
zieg3527
@muhlenberg.edu

Tara DeMarzo at
dema5621@
muhlenberg.edu

And the winner is...

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

With the Grammy Awards only a few weeks behind us, we are giving out a few awards of our own. Based on their statistical rankings and overall presence around campus, these winter athletes have what it takes to shine as this week's:

CLASSY SPORTSMAN: DENNIS SEVERINO '05

Every year the Centennial Conference recognizes a player as Sportsman of the Year. With a positive attitude and great leadership skills, Severino, a co-captain on the Men's Basketball team, is one of the nominees from Muhlenberg.

TEAM COMEBACK: MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MCDANIEL

Trailing by nine points in the second half, the Mules made a comeback to win the game 78-74. The game was significant, establishing Coach Madeira as the winningest coach in the College's history and breaking the team's four game losing streak.

PLAYER EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS: JEFF STEWART '07

After a rookie season where he led the team in scoring, shooting and shot-blocking, Stewart is exceeding expectations, averaging 20.6 and 9.9 rebounds per game. He also just notched his ninth double double of the season.

MILESTONE MAKER: RYAN BONDA '05

In 2003 he had the highest scoring game by an active Mule, with 37 points against Widener University. This past month he scored his 100th three pointer, becoming the eighth player in the College's history to do so.

STATISTICAL RANKINGS: WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gwen Doyle is fifth in the Conference with 27 points in a game against Haverford; she ranks first in the Conference for three point goals in the same game. Junior Kristen Piscaldo is first in the Centennial Conference with steals in a game. Piscaldo and Senior Aril Bryant are first and second in the Conference for assists in a game. As of Jan. 9, the team leads the nation with an amazing 90 points per game.

ACADEMIC ALL-STAR: ARIL BRYANT '05

This past month Bryant was named to the Lehigh Valley Small College Scholar-Athlete Team. She is an art major and aside from excelling in the classroom, she shines on the court, ranking twelfth in team history with 158 career assists.

FRESHMAN CONTRIBUTOR: JOSEPH TARTAR '08

As of Jan. 15, Tartar ranks third in the Centennial Conference with an 11-6 record. He is nearing the College's record for pins by a freshman.

ENERGETIC PRESENCE: LEX MERCADO '07

Mercado can be found dancing around campus, always smiling. With his perpetual energy, it's no surprise that he is so successful in track. He won the 800 meter at the Orange & Maroon Classic this past weekend.

CONSISTENT CONTENDER: MATT LOESH '07

After coming one match short of All-American status as a freshman, Loesh is consistently proving victorious. Loesch won sixteen consecutive bouts in dual meets and has a team-best 16-3 record. Among Loesch's sixteen wins were two pins and a 10-1 major decision. He also took a 5-0 decision against Johns Hopkins in a rematch of last year's Conference 197 lb. final.

STAMINA SUPERMAN: JOHN BRODOWSKI '05

Brodowski competed in the high jump and long jump, placing fifth and fourth respectively. While the high and long jumps were going on, he also managed to compete in the 55m hurdles and place third with a time of 8.21 seconds.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside: *Women's Basketball falls to the Garnets page 15*

SPORTS

Inside: *Coach Madeira breaks Beidleman's record page 14*

Climbing toward the C.C. tournament

By Allison Marman
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sophomore Jeff Stewart has averaged eleven rebounds a game this season, and the game against Swarthmore College was no different. The Mules pushed their record over the .500 mark with a victory over Swarthmore College. The game ended in a 63-56 Mules victory. This win brought their Centennial Conference record to 5-3. Overall, the Mules have an 8-7 record.

The Mules faced Matt Gustafson, the leading scorer of the Centennial Conference, and could not stop him in the first half. They allowed nineteen points in the first twenty minutes. Gustafson's performance helped guide Swarthmore to a 33-27 half-time lead.

In the second half, the Mules defense held the Garnet to 23 points overall. Swarthmore only completed 32 percent of their shots to the basket. The Mules held the Garnet's best shooter to one-of-seven shooting and five points in the second half.

Sophomore Jeff Stewart, who holds the Conference's number two position in scoring, hit the bench a few minutes into the second half due to foul trouble. The Mules trailed 42-37, but a fifteen point run gave them a lead which they held until game's end.

Senior Chase Licata kicked it off with a lay-up and drew a foul as well. Although he missed the foul shot, Sophomore Justin Fields caught the rebound and built the lead to five points. The next time down the court, Sophomore Chris Pothering nailed a three-pointer, adding to the lead.

The Mules defense continued to hold their ground, stopping Swarthmore virtually every time down in the last ten minutes of the game. With 22 seconds left to play, the Mules were holding strong to a 59-56 lead. Senior Ryan Bonda picked off a pass on the baseline and nailed a game-clinching lay-up. Licata raked in two more free throws to make the final score 63-56.

Stewart led the Mules in rebounds. He pulled in twelve, while Licata finished with twenty-two points and seven rebounds in the game. Stewart currently holds the record for most double-doubles in the Centennial Conference. He has had nine this season, sixteen in his career.

This past week, Stewart was named to the Conference Honor Roll for his performance in the game versus McDaniel College. Not only did Stewart average eleven rebounds, but he also had 26 points and an average of 2.3 steals.

The Mules head to second-ranked Johns Hopkins University on Saturday and then host Haverford College on Wednesday. The Mules are tied for fourth place with Dickinson College.

Senior Donte Borden is confident that this win will set the team in the right direction: "We've had some ups and downs this season, but the one thing that has never changed is how hard we fight. It has kept us in close games, and kept us winning."

Junior Jimmy O'Brien tries to maintain possession of the ball as he wards off his opponent.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Mules recover from injuries to catch team win

By, Dylan Moulton
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

WRESTLING

Despite a line-up full of injuries, the Mules came back on Dec. 28 to prepare for the match against New York University (NYU). The team then traveled to the North/South Duals where they faced teams including: Wesleyan, Trinity, Johnson and Wales and Western New England.

The Mules lost to NYU by a score of 28-19. The squad fell behind early in the match, 12-0, but caught up with four consecutive wins. The last two bouts swung in NYU's favor with a major decision and pin giving them the win.

The North/South Duals were against four competitive New England teams, and the Mules had only one win-- against Western New England College (24-21).

The team suffered from several injuries in their line-up. The Mules forfeited the 133, 141 and 149 pound weight-classes because of various injuries sustained during the meet and in previous practices. Junior Dale Mills (149) missed all matches over break due to a spinal stress fracture, which he explained has been a problem for him since high school. Senior Joseph DeCampo (141) injured his ribs in practice, Freshman David Lavine (165) tore two ankle ligaments, detaching one from the bone, Freshman Brian Saval (157) missed a match because of an injury and Sophomore Matt Loesch (197) was slammed in the Western New England match, resulting in a win by disqualification.

Senior co-Captain Frank Pepe commented, "we are hitting our stride now as people get healthy."

On Jan. 12, the Mules lost to University of Scranton, 40-12, forfeiting two weight-classes. Freshman Joe Tartar (Heavyweight) and Loesch both won their matches in first period pins in four minutes and five seconds. This was Tartar's eighth pin this season, two short of the College record for a freshman.

The Mules hosted the quadrangle conference dual. Johns Hopkins University, King's Point College and Stevens Tech attended. The Mules won their bout 35-18 against Conference newcomer Stevens Tech.

Sophomore John Hesse (184) and Loesch both won all three of their matches. Saval came back from an injury to win two of his three matches. Co-Captain Senior Jeremy Hart earned his 60th victory against Jim Crumlish of Johns Hopkins University 5-1.

The most recent match was on Jan. 20, against Albright College. The Mules left with a big win 31-16. Sophomore Michael Tenenhaus and Pepe both won their matches by decision. Pepe, who has wrestled as low as the 157 pound weight-class this season, won his match at 184 pounds. Hart continued bolstering his career wins with his 61st being by pin, the seventh of his career.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

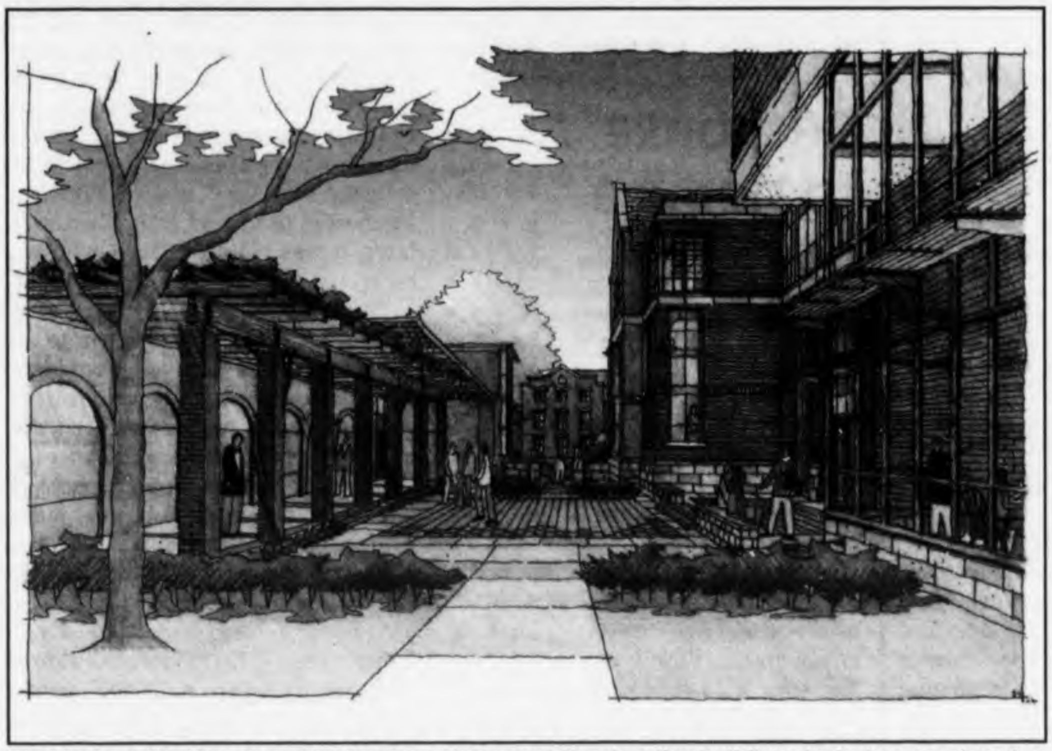
Inside

Biology professor awarded NSF grant which will support research opportunities for students.
page 5

Inside

Perkulators boogie down at their Garden Room dance in their quest to raise money for their NYC trip.
page 9

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 13 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2005



The designs for the renovated Seegers Union and Shankweiler buildings include a courtyard, a terrace addition to Seegers Union and a reading room to Shankweiler.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY BALLINGER

Planning for renovation of buildings underway

By Michelle Quirk
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Additions and renovations to the Shankweiler building and Seegers Union will begin after graduation this May, and after initial planning, the architectural designs are now under review.

The architectural firm chosen for the project, Ballinger, based in Philadelphia, was chosen several months ago and has since produced plans for the first phase of the additions and renovations.

According to Randy Helm, President of the College, "In having one architect work on the renovations to both buildings; the project was conceived as a whole, providing for a more unified campus."

The strategic planning committee begun by Helm last fall, which ran throughout the year, went through various proposals from faculty and other groups to determine what needed to change or remain the same at the College.

"The group had to prioritize and allocate funds, and the sciences came out toward the top," said Bruce Anderson, Associate Professor of Chemistry. "Renovations to the Shankweiler building were seen as necessary since prospective students may be lost to other schools with newer facilities."

Anderson acts as the lead faculty individual for the planning and construction of the new Shankweiler building and its renovations.

The executive committee and decision-making group for the project include Helm, Marjorie Hass, Provost, Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer, James Steffy, Planning Consultant and Richard Niesenbaum, Associate Professor of Biology.

There is also a divisional committee of faculty in which all departments are involved in the planning.

"In December, the Executive Committee confirmed the architect's vision for the exterior of the new science building and the renovated Shankweiler building," said Anderson.

A campus forum on the project was held Tuesday in Miller Forum. Ballinger, the Senior Staff and the Science faculty were present to show the designs for the new Science facility and to show the plans of the first phase of the additions and renovations to Seegers Union.

The additions and renovations to the Shankweiler building are numerous.

A new tower will be built between Shankweiler and

SEE **BUILDINGS** | PAGE 5

Chemistry Major attempted change

By Nisha Sharma
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The Chemistry department, in hopes of changing with current trends, proposed two alterations to the existing 15-course major in order to introduce a two-track option to the major.

After proposing the changes to the faculty at the Jan. 21 faculty meeting, the Chemistry department was voted down, and the department's faculty is seeking out other possible solutions to increase the flexibility of the major.

After years of consistent requirements for the major, the department considered readjusting. Due to technological advancements, there are now a wide variety of new careers for the rising generation of college graduates who specialize in this technical field.

The Chemistry department is aware of these modifications and had proposed two different tracks students can take in order to finish their major requirements. "There is nothing wrong with the major. It is very strong, and the students do very well in it, but it is still in need of some flexibility," said Marsha Baar, Professor of Chemistry.

The first track excludes Physics and gives students the option of whether to take other classes in place of a second semester in

SEE **CHEMISTRY** | PAGE 7

Endowment increases steadily

By Michelle Sartor
NEWS EDITOR

Endowment at the College, which had significantly dropped several years ago along with national trends, has been increasing in value since 2002. Endowment is important because its funds can be used for general expenses at the College.

According to Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer, the College's endowment is made up of gifts from donors.

These gifts are then invested. Any interest gained from the investments can be used for a variety of purposes such as hiring more faculty members and buying equipment.

Dyer said, "The bigger the endowment, the more things to draw off of and the more things you can afford." Not all of the money in the endowment can be used for general purposes, however. Oftentimes donors give money to be used for student scholarships and other specific purposes.

Dyer explained that of the average endowment over the past five years, five percent is taken out and used the way that the donors had intended.

As of Dec. 31, 2004, the College's endowment was $96.1 million. This number was up from Dec. 31, 2003, when the College had an endowment of $82.1 million. As of Dec. 31, 2002

SEE **FUNDING** | PAGE 7

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Executive Editor

Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

IT IS CERTAINLY A SIGN OF PROGRESS THAT THE FIRST SPECIAL TOPICS session during the Board of Trustees meetings last weekend (see "Student life issues discussed with Trustees" on page 7) was dedicated to student life and welcomed selected students to speak with Board members.While it is very important that students have a voice to the Board and give the Board members a greater sense of campus climate, this outlet should not be the primary or ultimate method for students to initiate change on campus.

According to Mike Yellin '05, Student Body President, "They [the Board] can put pressure on college officials to say yes, let's do this." While the Board is meant to carry what Randy Helm, President of the College calls an "oversight function" of the management of the College, it should not have to serve as a motivating factor for the administration to work cooperatively with students. The approaching of students to the administration with issues from the meal plan to diversity of campus should be motivation enough to evoke due process for change.

It is important when expressing interest in change to have patience because quick answers can often be wrong answers for important questions about College policy. Committees and discussions, while time-consuming, provide important research, information and opinion that make a decision sound. It is also important to note that just because students want change does not mean the College should jump to every demand. Each change must be thorougly evaluated to determine whether it is a wise one. Understanding this principle can be even more difficult for a student who carries a four year perspective and expects change within those four years.

Because due process is necessary, it is just as easy to hide behind the process to justify not evoking change as it is to actually solve problems. It is the duty of the administration to fully discuss and come to conclusions with students in a timely manner, which means promptly responding and not merely brushing aside continued concern or waiting until the Board of Trustees has the opportunity to side with students on the issue.

Letters to the Editor:

Response to demise of the Democrats

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to an article published in the Jan. 27 issue of *The Weekly* "The demise of the democratic party," arguing that the Democratic Party has moved too far to the left of the political spectrum as evidenced by the results of the 2004 elections. As democrats are currently reflecting on what went right and what went wrong during the campaign, the party is deciding what direction to go for future elections. While there are several valid claims made by the author of the previous article, I take a different approach to how Democrats can win again.

First, it is important to note the things that went right in the 2004 election. John Kerry received more votes than any other Democrat in history. This is due in part to an unprecedented turnout effort in swing states. Young voters went for Kerry by a 55 to 45 margin according to the Rock the Vote organization. The Democrats have established a coalition that can be built upon in the 2006-midterm elections and beyond.

In looking ahead, the Democratic Party must not move to the center to attempt to appeal to swing voters. Being republican-lite does not offer voters a solid alternative to the Republican Party. Any votes this strategy will gain will be counteracted by a disillusionment from progressives and liberals that may cause more to vote third party. Instead, the Democrats must establish a broad vision that establishes a true alternative to the Republicans, and communicate it to the American people. This means truly standing up for what you believe, even when it is not politically popular. Howard Dean, who is a rather moderate candidate in many areas, is a prime example of this. He stood up against the Iraq war, consistently refuting the very points President Bush used to invade Iraq. Two years later, it was Howard Dean who was right.

Democrats must do a better job of communicating their views to all Americans. The Kerry campaign did not even have a southern strategy, instead relying on only swing states to get the needed electoral votes. If you do not fight in an area, you will not win. They must redefine "moral values," to encompass issues such as poverty and the current health care crisis. For too long the right wing has used values issues to divide Americans. Democrats should embrace religion and use groups such as the Evangelical Environmental Network and Pax Christi to create a religious left as strong as the religious right. Democratic candidates should attempt to ground there positions on issues in there spirituality.

SEE **LETTER** | PAGE 4

Conservatism holds strong at the College

College republicans keep quiet

Jonathan Victor
WEEKLY GUEST COLUMNIST

Many of my classmates and friends think of Muhlenberg as a liberal campus, but in all honesty, most college campuses and college student bodies lean to the left. Muhlenberg, at least for colleges on the East Coast, does not stand out as terribly Democratic by any means. Unfortunately, many of my fellow Republicans tend to hold back their views on campus for fear of being branded as cruel and heartless. Many people have unjust generalizations about conservatives that intimidate them into hiding their views.

I learned in my Political Science class that the Republican Party stands for two conservative tenets: moral order and freedom from "too much government." I fully support the first aspect; as a conservative—but not evangelical—Christian, I wholeheartedly oppose abortion. Republicans also generally believe that the private sector, whether charities or religious institutions, can improve the standard of living for all Americans. I sternly support these two points, especially the latter, under all circumstances.

As far as the idea of small government, the government should definitely provide some services. It can do this cheaply and achieve economies of scale if it cuts back on wasteful spending habits. However, Republicans also believe in both fewer regulations and more support for big businesses.

John Kerry criticized large businesses, such as Wal-Mart and other big-box stores, for destroying our general welfare. However, improving market efficiency helps more people than it hurts. Republicans want effective, moral government, something that many left-wingers fail to appreciate.

I will admit, although I voted for George W. Bush, his intelligence leaves much to be desired. His tax cuts should probably be distributed more evenly across the board, instead of going almost entirely into the upper class. We also need to gradually decrease our dependence on foreign oil, especially with the turmoil in the Middle East. It's time to focus our attention on becoming more independent. However, market forces will eventually correct this on its own; as gas prices rise, people will consider it an economic necessity to switch to alternative fuel methods for powering their autos and providing power. In addition, the upper class will invest its money in the stock market and create dividends and capital gains for all shareholders to enjoy.

Finally, to return back toward the point of Muhlenberg's supposed liberalism, I must disagree with that assessment as well. Our faculty does seem quite Democratic; most professors and teachers, for a variety of reasons, lean that way. Nonetheless, in a classroom setting, we generally respect each other's opinions, and can learn from each other as well. As far as our Student Body goes, I routinely engage in discussions with others, especially in my Christian groups, where I actually offer the more liberal argument.

From personal experience, my high school was much more left-leaning than Muhlenberg and its Student Body. With a fairly religious population here at the 'Berg, we also have our fair share of conservatives. College Republicans has a significant turnout, and a great deal of Mules attended the George W. Bush rally in Allentown.

Remember Republicans, we may be a minority on this campus, or on any campus, but we're not unusual in any manner. Be proud to share your views—I know I am.

Robberies break ’Berg Bubble

Meredith Williams
Weekly Guest Columnist

Unfortunately the New Year has not brought a new start to the College campus. Within the first week, there was news of yet another robbery on campus; this placed that uneasy feeling which became so common last semester back into the pit of the Student Body. Inevitably our private “’Berg Bubble” has been popped.

I remember four years ago when I first visited the campus; everything about the College created that post-card feel. It felt home-friendly and safe especially with the little blue emergency lights acting as beacons of security. Sure we have had warnings of crime and violence in the past, (I remember the fear of the naked man who flashed late night party goers, or the well known “red-zone” of too many keg stands), but until now nothing has plagued our campus quite like the ongoing robberies.

I can’t say that this new fad of “townies” finding economic strength from our campus is shocking. I’m almost surprised it took them this long to realize what an un-tapped “resource” we are. Our campus full of popped collars and SUVs doesn’t scream modesty. Still, my heart goes out to those affected directly by the recent chain of events. To be robbed is a complete violation of confidence in yourself and the surrounding community.

With the recent events we all stand at a crucial point in how to handle the situation. Until now it has been possible to live in the bubble the College has created, never knowing of the welfare lines wrapping the corners downtown.

I am in no way pleading for the robbers as the needy victim in the state of affairs. Rather, I suggest that through this horrific eye-opening experience that I have seen myself, it is important to see past the safety warnings and realize this is a taste of reality, which I think sometimes is lacking on campus.

We are here to grow, to learn from not only text books but experience. With that, unfortunately, we learn the bad with the good. Instead of worrying about where the party is or who just signed up for Facebook, why not take a deeper look.

The College has oftentimes been called the “’Berg Bubble” for various reasons, and many times it proves to be a true statement. The majority of students grew up in middle to upper class areas and are used to the well-groomed life of nice cars, clothes and other things that in the end don’t really matter.

I’m not criticizing the Muhlenberg lifestyle by any means; I drive my SUV with the rest of you. However, I think it is important to know that, although it has been exposed in a violent and harsh way, there is life out there beyond the Polo and pearls we see on a daily basis. May we use this negative experience as a reality check.

Life will not always be Academic Row in spring.

Without sounding too much like a parental lecture or redundant idealistic graduation speech, I think it is important to know that life goes on for miles without us.

While we may all leave the College with highly regarded degrees, a lesson that many times goes unnoticed is seeing the reality of the world around us. It is terrible that a few hooligans have changed our way of life. Now, to drive across our two block campus after dark, although it may seem silly, is necessary.

Let us see through the dark side of things and realize that maybe what the College needed was a wake-up call. For all of us, this lesson steps one foot off of the College green and onto the tarnished street of the real world.

The power of pigskin: Super Bowl XXXIX

Amy Cookson
Weekly Guest Columnist

In this divided country there is little which can unite us. Some hope a revival in the concept of the public good will bring us together. Others point to Illinois golden boy Barack Obama as the man to heal our split nation. I put my faith in the power of the pigskin: the Super Bowl.

On Sunday, televisions across our fractured nation will be turned to Fox to witness this event. While some rabid fans, including me, will be rooting madly for New England or Philadelphia, football fans of teams which did not make it to Jacksonville will also tune into the game albeit with slightly less enthusiasm than if the 49ers had not proved so inept.

Others will watch for the halftime show, this year with Paul McCartney, who may not provide as titillating a performance as Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake, but is an entertainer for the ages. Still others will idly watch for the new commercials. The Super Bowl provides something for nearly everyone.

Why is the Super Bowl the cultural event that it is? Maybe it’s because it provides an opportunity for an enjoyable gathering, without the hassle and stress of the holiday season.

My high school Latin teacher would drive through four states—okay, three states; I suppose New Hampshire doesn’t really count when driving from Maine to Connecticut, to be with her family for their annual Super Bowl party. The Super Bowl party: a celebratory event in itself which was unheard of forty years ago. There are recipes devoted solely to such parties; after all, even non-football fans appreciate a great dip.

Possibly, the Super Bowl has a larger cultural impact than other sporting finals because, unlike the World Series or March Madness, the Super Bowl is a one-night-only event.

There is no rescheduling necessary in the event of a seventh game; there are no headache-inducing brackets to fill out; there are no dark shadows under the eyes as the result of consecutive nights of three plus hour games. This makes the Super Bowl is less demanding for its audience.

The Super Bowl also marks the beginning of the second half of winter. It may not sound like much, but it’s a milestone for those of us in the North. I don’t pretend to understand the Southern mindset, so I couldn’t speculate whether or not the Super Bowl has any climatic significance for them.

They may not understand our exhilaration when the temperature climbs to 35 and we celebrate the warm day where only a thin jacket is required. But they do have NASCAR, which is just as mind-boggling to the uninitiated.

The Super Bowl is also an excellent emotional outlet. There’s nothing quite like releasing nervous energy by yelling expletives at the opposing team or engaging in a victory dance as Tom Brady—I mean, your quarterback, finds his receiver in the end zone. Seriously, try it.

Even if you couldn’t give a damn about the Eagles or the Pats, or couldn’t pick Donovan McNabb out of a lineup, pick a jersey color and then yell at the opposing color. Your color just scored. Do a little dance. Doesn’t that feel good? Can’t you feel the winter blues slipping away?

However, despite the many merits of the Super Bowl, there are still those who see only colliding men in tight pants whose escapades are bracketed by insulting, and increasingly dumber, commercials. If it’s really not your thing, you could always read a book. Just don’t hog the dip.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Executive Editor
Ben Veghte, Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
Kate Arney-Cimino, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
OPEN, Focus Editor
OPEN, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Johnny Canneto, Business Managers
Robin DeCicco, Asst. News Editor
Tiffany Kirk, Asst. OP/ED Editor
Jackie Starner, Sarah Smith, Dan McClung, Asst. Life! Editors
Tara DeMarzo, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Catherine Zell, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Amy Cookson, Copy Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Writer Manager
John Dunphy, Design Consultant
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2005. All rights reserved.

Bring on Mardi Gras, bring on the hippos

Kate Arney-Cimino
OP/ED EDITOR

The time is nearing when we are getting our holiday weight under control. America is infatuated with injesting food and alcohol and feeling guilty about it later. However, do not fear, there will be more and more reasons to diet. In order to diet we need to gain more weight. In order to gain more weight we need to take heed of the approaching holiday Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday. This is a day when America can do what it does best, which is overeat and over drink and basically feed their addictions. This is a day when it's okay to self indulge. Of course, it's not that Americans don't do this everyday; where else but the US can we simultaneously be eating a Whopper and be watching a channel devoted only to food, the Food Network, and still not be satisfied.

We must eat as much as possible because the next day begins Lent. This is a time where people must give up something, usually food related. I, for example, am going to give up Doritos. This Doritos fast will last forty days until Easter when it is okay to resume doing whatever was given up. Some people choose to give up sex, being sarcastic, chocolate, alcohol and other little pleasures in which we might indulge ourselves. It's possible that during the time some of us choose to give up something we might take up something new. Maybe switching from beer to vodka, or possibly Doritos to Fritos.

Where is the line between indulgences and addictions?

But where is the line between these indulgences and addictions? How many bags of Doritos makes me an addict? How many beers makes you an alcoholic? How many sarcastic jokes a day makes you officially cynical? And lastly, how complete do these indulgences make us? How much do these indulgences or possible addictions affect the people around us?

Having a hippopotamus in your kitchen is one of the expressions for saying an addict is present in the house. This means that it cannot be ignored because how could anyone possibly ignore a hippo in the kitchen. It would take up the whole kitchen, and rumor has it that, cute as they look, they may become hostile.

This is when the addiction affects other people. For example, my Doritos addiction might affect other people because one of the side affects of eating Doritos is Doritos breath. A more obvious and probably apparent addiction at the College might be drinking which creates a much louder hippo in the kitchen.

When holidays such as Mardi Gras come and later St. Patrick's Day, followed by the Senior 100 days, all of a sudden the hippos come out. Hippos are everywhere and very hard to ignore. However, when these holidays leave are the hippos really gone as well? How many hippos can fit into a dorm room? This may sound like a joke such as how many popes fit into a VW Bug, but the answer isn't so simple or comical as taking off their hats when it comes to hippos. When it comes to overcoming addictions, or, to sound less heavy, indulgences, it takes more than just the person who is playing the hippo. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it might take a residence hall to carry out the hippos.

Over indulgence is good sometimes as in living it up on certain holidays; however, it's easy for these feasts and indulgences to blur into addictions.

I'm not saying that the College is muddled with addicts or self-indulgent people, but in someway we are all struggling with our inner hippo, and Mardi Gras is just another excuse to let it run free. Have fun and please be careful not to sit on anyone.

Buy Anything with Your Flex Account at

the
POWERHOUSE
café

On February 4, 2005,
And Get
50% Off
Your Purchase!

Not Valid with any other Offer

LETTER | FROM PAGE 2

Lastly, Democrats in the next few years must push election reform in congress. In the 2004 election many precincts, near college campuses and poorer areas in Ohio had to wait in line upwards of 10 hours to vote, while in more affluent areas there were far more voting machines available. The issue of electronic voting must also be addressed. Millions of Americans cast votes on touch-screen computers, where there was no paper receipt that could be used for a recount.

More troubling is that the CEO of one of the makers of these machines, Diebold Election Systems, is a major republican donor and vowed that he would help deliver the Election in Ohio to President Bush. For Democrats to win there must be fair and verifiable elections.

--David Liskov
Class of 2007

~Write for Op/Ed~

DON'T BE A NERD, BE HEARD!

CONTACT
KATE ARNEY-CIMINO
OR
TIFFANY KIRK

KATEARNEYCIMINO@HOTMAIL.COM
KIRK2837@MUHLENBERG.EDU

BUILDINGS

FROM PAGE 1

Trumbower to house an elevator. The elevator will have stops for all of the floors in both buildings to facilitate easier movement of individuals as well as carts and instrumentation between the buildings.

"We need a better connection between the two science buildings, especially for collaborative research," said Anderson.

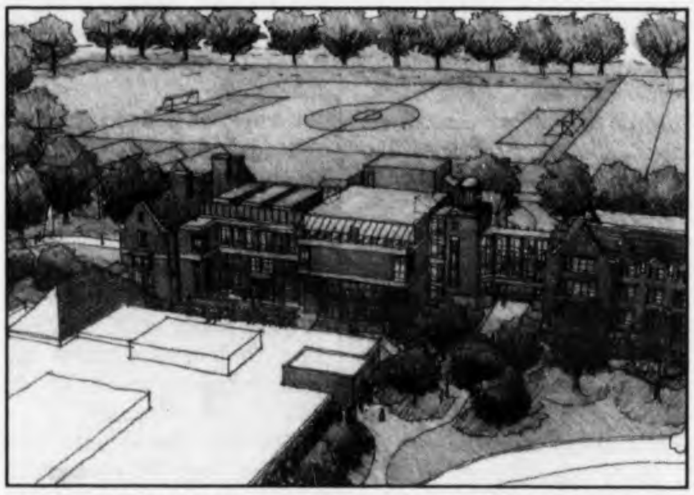
Introductory biology labs will be located on the ground level of Shankweiler, the floor below the entrance level, allowing first-year students to move between their dorms and their labs more easily.

The plans consist of the inclusion of a new reading room that will be enclosed in glass on the entrance level of Shankweiler.

The upper levels in the Shankweiler building will house research labs, offices and seminar rooms. "We want to make the science buildings bright and welcoming," said Anderson, "so that people will want to be there."

The current walkway from Parents Plaza to the east side of the campus will be preserved.

Builders will create an archway that allows individuals a view of green space from both sides. There will be new doorways into each of the buildings underneath the archway as well.



The connection between Trumbower and Shankweiler will include an elevator and replace the current museum.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY BALLINGER

The addition to the Shankweiler building will allow for a new plaza to be created between Seegers Union and Shankweiler. "This new plaza will be a nice extension of Parents Plaza," said Helm.

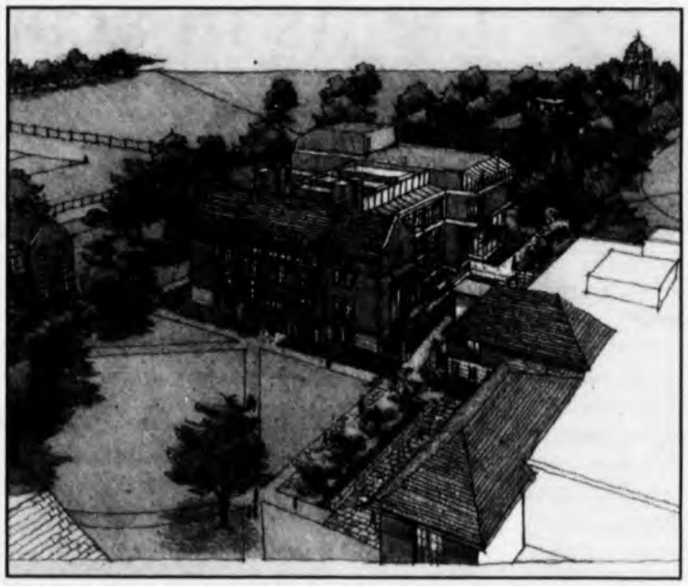
A new door will be located on the side of Seegers as well, making it easier for science students to go between the buildings.

Taylor Mall, the area behind Shankweiler, will be framed and landscaped. Eventually, the parking areas behind the science buildings will be turned into green space.

According to Helm, the renovations to Shankweiler and Seegers, as well as the addition of green space around the buildings, will make the College into "a lovely walking campus."

The renovations to Seegers Union aim to provide more meeting space for the College as well as to provide more space for Career Services and Academic Support Services.

The new meeting rooms will have partitions. The largest of each of the three small rooms will hold fifty individuals.



Outside dining areas will be added to Seegers Union, and Shankweiler will gain a west entrance.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY BALLINGER

"We hope to be able to include a fireplace in the large meeting room as well as high ceilings with open beams," said Helm.

The renovation will also attempt to provide an aesthetic closure to the courtyard near Seegers.

Renovations to Seegers Union will be taking place concurrently to minimize the disruption felt on campus. Both projects are set to start this summer, but Seegers is planned to be finished in December of 2005.

"Seegers will be completed faster, since it is a smaller project," said Anderson.

During the building of the new Shankweiler space, the existing space will be used as much as possible. "Optimistically, the new space will be completed in Fall of 2006," said Anderson.

The goal for the project is to break ground immediately after graduation.

Anderson said that the College has commitment from the architects to complete the project as soon as possible.

Biology professor receives NSF grant

Grant is largest ever awarded to the College

By Jeremy Duncan
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Richard Niesenbaum, Head of the Biology Department, recently received a four year, $1.05 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

He will work with Gregory Cicconetti, Associate Professor of Mathematical Studies, Marten Edwards, Assistant Professor of Biology and Christine Ingersoll, Associate Professor of Chemistry in interdisciplinary, collaborative and multi-faceted research.

According to Niesenbaum, the College's size, specifically the relatively small number of faculty in the departments, has been a benefit in planning the research.

"The opportunity for cross-talk [among the disciplines] is great," he said. The small campus facilitates cooperation.

Unlike on a larger campus, a biology professor can just "walk next door" and have a conversation with a chemistry professor.

Cicconetti agreed with Niesenbaum, and added that collaboration will allow everyone involved in the research to "get the most of our time and efforts. We can be as efficient as possible."

The NSF grant will be used to support students in 10-week-long, full-time research opportunities this summer, as well as for year-round research.

The students who choose to participate will serve as independent researchers and will work in their respective fields on various aspects of the research.

After they combine their expertise and work over the next four years, the researchers hope to answer several questions.

Those involved with the research will explore plant-insect interactions ecologically, chemically, genetically and statistically.

Specifically, researchers will focus on the caterpillar, the Tulip Tree Beauty and the Spicebush, and how consumption of the bush by the insect is affected by a shady or sunny environment.

Although the goal of the research is to answer the question of herbivory (the degree to which insects eat plants), Niesenbaum asserted that "science never ends. Questions beget questions."

There is, however, much more involved in this project than studying this complicated issue. This research can also help future scientists explore herbivory.

A successful project can also lead to continued funding for College faculty, according to Cicconetti, and further funding can lead to more research.

Moreover, as Ingersoll stated, this is an opportunity to benefit students. Edwards concurred, saying that the skills students learn by doing this research can be used in all other aspects of science. "They [skills] are useful things to learn," he said.

Niesenbaum spoke more about the benefits stemming from this grant. Potential outcomes include the development of a fellowship to bring gifted students to the College who have been historically underrepresented in the sciences. In addition Niesenbaum hopes to hire a post-doctoral research assistant, whose talent could extend to teaching in the classroom. No matter what happens, it is "a win-win situation," stated Niesenbaum.

This could not have happened without the support and encouragement of the College, said Niesenbaum.

The project's success depends on the students of this College. Edwards noted, however, that the part of the grant that deals with genetics is indebted to the LI-COR CORP, who awarded the College a DNA sequencer. The College is the only college in the nation to have one.

Niesenbaum explained that this is "an ecology project using cutting edge technology, which is also a perfect blend between working in the lab and working in the field."

SEE **GRANT** | PAGE 6

Students in academic trouble are offered guidance

By Robin DeCicco
Asst. News Editor

As the new semester begins, some students find letters in their mailboxes from the Dean of Academic Life, either congratulating them on making the Dean's List, or warning them that they are on Academic Probation.

According to the fall 2004 semester Academic Status and Academic Behavior Code Report to the Faculty, Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life, announced that 709 students earned a place on the Dean's List.

In terms of class breakdown, the class of 2005 had the highest number of students placed on Dean's List, in which more than half of this class earned a grade point average (G.P.A.) of a 3.5 or higher.

Although more students fit into the category of "good academic standing" than those on Academic Probation, Shiner Wilson says there is still room for improvement regarding those students who are in academic trouble.

Shiner Wilson monitors all students' academic performance and contacts those students at the end of each term whose academic performance indicates a cause for concern.

Once she is aware of a student's failing grades, incomplete grades, a term G.P.A. below 1.5001, she immediately contacts the student to discuss how to improve his or her grades.

"The fact that we warn students without immediately placing them on probation gives them a chance to better evaluate the importance of their education and to take advantage of the tremendous resources that are available on campus," said Shiner Wilson.

Mean G.P.A. by Department

Major	G.P.A.
Chemistry	2.697
Sociology/Anthropology	2.950
Mathematics	2.967
Philosophy	3.000
Physics	3.026
History	3.083
Psychology	3.138
Accounting/Economics/ Business	3.167
Biology	3.171
First Year Seminar	3.193
Political Science	3.224
Communication	3.227
Language, Literature, and Culture	3.248
Religion	3.279
English	3.307
Art	3.417
Education	3.435
Theater/Dance	3.499
Music	3.650

Courtesy of the Provost's Office

"I meet with students to discuss the opportunities offered by Academic Support, the Writing Center and the Counseling Center. All of these groups, in addition to connecting with professors, can truly help students," she continued.

Although these resources are available to help students come off of Academic Warning, some fail to access them and are eventually placed on Academic Probation.

Formal Academic Probation indicates that the quality of the student's work is below the level that might reasonably be expected to lead to graduation.

A term grade point average below 1.000 or a cumulative grade point average less than 1.200 identify those students eligible for formal probation.

All student performance indicating eligibility for formal probation is reviewed by Shiner Wilson.

After that review, students experiencing serious academic difficulties will be placed on formal probation.

At the end of the first semester, there are two alternatives for a student with a G.P.A. of less than 1.2: academic probation or academic suspension.

At any time during the probation period, typically not more than two terms, the College has the ability to remove the student from probation due to improved grades, continue the student on probation or dismiss the student. According to Shiner Wilson, approximately five to ten students are dismissed each year. Four students were dismissed at the end of last semester.

"It is horrible to see students leave Muhlenberg, because their dismissals do not reflect upon their intelligence. Most of the time, students are capable of doing the course work, but they are simply not ready to take charge of their education," said Shiner Wilson. Once students are dismissed from the College, they are allowed to re-apply after one year's absence.

In order to re-apply, students must have completed courses at another prestigious four-year university and must be able to demonstrate that they are serious about returning to the College.

Although Shiner Wilson admits that the chances of a student being re-accepted are not likely, she does encourage students to make the effort.

GRANT
FROM PAGE 5

Ingersoll explained that the chemistry side of the research, including "identifying and quantifying certain chemicals," such as gas chromatography, will be done with instruments already available in the Chemistry Department. Several students are already attached to various aspects of the project, including Jennifer Levy '06.

According to Ingersoll, Levy is "extremely excited" to do this research. Levy will primarily investigate the chemical components of leaves that grow in the sun versus the shade, which may play a role in the defense mechanisms of plants.

Angela Lucarini '08 sees the grant as a "perfect opportunity for research." She agreed with Niesenbaum and Edwards, saying that the opportunity for field work will allow her to gain many skills, in addition to learning about the technology needed to do this kind of research.

Student researchers will be given credit as well as financial support during the summer weeks, according to Niesenbaum. The project is expected to begin on March 1.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 23	High: 40 Low: 19	High: 35 Low: 24

OFF CAMPUS

ALLENTOWN IN DEBT OF $8.4 MILLION

Allentown, Pa – According to Allentown financial officials, the city's primary budget is in the red by $8.4 million.

In addition, this number is said to be an even bigger deficit than usual for Allentown.

According to the Finance Director Barbara Bigelow, the city has enough money in other funds that can be temporarily transferred into the general fund.

The primary budget, or general fund, is used for most of the city's major expenses like police and fire protection.

On a positive note, the remainder of Allentown's funds have positive balances; however, these other funds will have to be paid back with the full $8.4 million before the end of the year.

According to Councilman Louis Hershman, this means that $8.4 million cannot be spent on 2005 expenses.

In 2004, the general fund ran out of money in September and had to begin borrowing money.

The city will be obtaining long-term financial planning to head off deficits.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CHARGED WITH DRUNK DRIVING

Whitehall Township, Pa- A Whitehall School District bus driver is facing charges of drunk driving after clipping a car. Kathleen Danner, 40, of Northampton hit the front of a car while making a turn around noon on Thursday.

According to a Whitehall Township police report, she smelled of alcohol. Fortunately, no one was injured in the accident, but it occurred just after Danner dropped off a group of middle school students.

Danner submitted her resignation and is no longer driving buses. According to police officers, Danner claimed that she had been drinking tea before the crash.

However, a breath test revealed that Danner had a blood-alcohol ratio of 0.05 percent. Pennsylvania's blood-alcohol limit for drivers is 0.08 percent, but drivers of school vehicles have a legal limit of 0.02 percent.

Drunk driving charges will be filed, and Danner will get a summons to appear in court.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

CHEMISTRY

FROM PAGE 1

Analytical and Physical Chemistry.

A replacement class could be something related such as Biochemistry. The second proposed track included Physics, but in place of the advanced labs required as upper level classes, a variation of half credit courses would be offered.

> *"The major is in need of flexibility because it is expanding into so many areas, and we would like to address a curriculum that studies more deeply in environmental areas."*
>
> Donald Shive,
> Head of Chemistry Department

Examples of these half credit courses would include Robotics and Automation, Lasers and advanced seminar classes such as Clinical Chemical Sensors.

Donald Shive, Head of the Chemistry department, discussed the importance of flexibility in the major to respond to the changes.

"The major is in need of flexibility because it is expanding into so many areas, and we would like to address a curriculum that studies more deeply in environmental areas because it can lead to a more diverse array of job options," said Shive.

The first track was ultimately rejected by the faculty because it would create a difference in the amount of credits needed to complete the chemistry major. The new track would also allow students to graduate with a chemistry degree without requiring Physics.

"A course in Physics is important for a full understanding of a number of chemical topics, particularly in Analytical Chemistry and Physical Chemistry," said Robert Milligan, Head of the Physics department.

The second track was considered, and was also refused. The Chemistry department is currently devising another proposal, and is confident that a similar version of their plan will be approved by next month.

With new possibilities for careers, the College's Chemistry department strives to educate their students to prepare for their years beyond college.

Although the curriculum, as it stands, is considered a solid basis for learning a wide area of topics in the subject by the department, the department has decided to take these steps to create a "more flexible" major.

FUNDING

FROM PAGE 1

there was an endowment of $66 million, which was down from Dec. 31, 2001, when the endowment was $77.6 million.

According to Dyer, the cause of the fluctuation with the endowment is from the investments. When the stock market and bonds increase in value, the endowment rises. If the stock market does not have a good year, the endowment will likely decrease.

The College does have policies in place to follow the trends of the market. Dyer said, "We can't predict the market, but we can look at trends to try to do the best possible investing for the school."

An outside consultant works with Dyer's office on the issue of investing. They look at the long term investments that will pay off in ten to 30 years.

Dyer said there are ups and downs and "we have to ride out those dips."

The Board of Trustees has a Finance and Investment Committee which passes investment policy. In the current policy, there is asset allocation, which determines what money can be spent where. Endowment at similar colleges has also increased in the past year. In comparison to several other schools like Bucknell University and Gettysburg College, the College saw the highest increase in endowment of 21.5 percent from June 30, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

Of the schools to which the College is compared, however, the College had the lowest endowment of $88,236,000 on June 30, 2004. Lehigh University had the highest with $796,946,000. Dickinson College saw the lowest increase putting its endowment at $158,896,000.

Student life issues discussed with Trustees

By Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Traveling back to Allentown from near and far, the members of the Board of Trustees convened on campus this past weekend. Student issues were brought to the forefront of discussion through a new Special Topics Session that addressed student life, as well as conversation at the regular Campus Life committee meeting.

Christina Liciaga '05, Student Observer to the Board of Trustees, participated in the Campus Life committee discussion and attended the Special Topics Session. "There were small meetings with the entire Board... with supposedly students from all over campus (truly handpicked by administration which the Board realized and articulated)," explained Liciaga.

Among issues discussed at the Campus Life committee meeting include potentially changing the meal plan options, converting the ML Underground into a student-run space, increasing independent research and conference opportunities and evaluating the state of diversity on campus.

"I reported to the Board students' discontent and disgust with the meal plan and the overwhelming majority of students who had signed a petition demanding attention from the administration," said Liciaga. "I expected my presentation would be embraced and applauded; however, I was meant to be appeased by President Helm's suggestion that a student inclusive committee would tackle this issue. Having been in contact with said students, I openly accused the administration of being negligent in handling this particular issue and urged progress to be sought with greater tenacity and consistency."

Randy Helm, President of the College explained that with exams and winter break, the administration put the project on hold until students returned to campus. "It's very difficult to consult with students over vacation. I think we've been pretty responsive in terms of following up," he said. "I think you have to do a lot of research. One thing I learned is that dining contracts are complicated."

Mike Yellin '05, Student Body President, also attended the Board meetings. "Every issue that we brought to the Board is something that the administration is aware of. I think time will tell whether they will respond adequately," said Yellin. "In the past, we've seen things put on the backburner. I think the administration wants to fix things, but we get caught up in [everyday problems] and ignore the little things."

Although unable to comment on specifics of discussion, John Heffer P '96, Chairman of the Board said, "There seems to be an ability for students to raise issues with President Helm and a receptivity by him and his staff to consider and try to resolve the students' concerns."

Yellin brought liability to conversation regarding shuttle services for Senior Pub Nights. He cited the College's "moral liability" to provide a shuttle for students; however, legal liability was a concern. "There's some strong feelings on both sides," explained Yellin.

Diversity at the College was targeted as an area for improvement. "I was disheartened to hear [Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of Multicultural Life]'s report of a student feeling 'deculturalized' after coming to Muhlenberg, yet sympathized with that student because of the personal difficulties I've faced in being a minority on campus," said Liciaga.

Because of time constraints, discussion was often limited on several of the topics brought to the attention of the Board. "Unfortunately the Social Life committee meetings are expected to accomplish covering all of social life which obviously takes more than the allotted two hours, and that's extended from last time," said Liciaga.

The scheduling of committee meetings and entire Board meetings was reevaluated and resulted in longer session times with reduced overlap in meeting times and addition of the Special Topics session. "As we figured out the new schedule, it seemed important to have the Board as a whole talk about things and to listen to presentations. We needed to have opportunity for Board members to get a better sense of what the College is all about," said Helm. "It will always be frustrating. People will always say we didn't have enough time."

Although the Trustees received feedback from various campus constituencies, the Board is not designed to vote and designate change on each of the issues. The Board "is responsible for oversight and policy at the broad level. They make sure the management of the College is thinking about the right issues, is making good decisions," explained Helm. "It's an oversight function. The Board doesn't manage, the Board oversees."

While the Trustees do not institute immediate change, "I think the Board is definitely the place where responses happen... Even if they themselves don't vote, they can put pressure on college officials to say yes, let's do this," said Yellin.

Liciaga explained that the Board is useful for stimulating action from the administration. "Undoubtedly the administration is seen accountable to the Board and was seen defending their actions or lack thereof to pertinent social issues," said Liciaga. "I also think both [Yellin] and I intend to give a general, honest account of student life, which might not always be the case for the administration who oftentimes acts as a more self-interested party."

Both the administration and student observers stressed the desire to create action after the discussions last weekend. "I would hope...that this is not all idle conversation, but indeed has an effect, or else we're all wasting our time and energies in convincing ourselves of a mistruth," said Liciaga.

Faculty trained to counsel sexual assault victims

By Alex Barouh
Weekly News Writer

As part of a new sexual assault program called the Sexual Assault Resource Team (S.A.R.T.), three professors presented at the Jan. 21 faculty meeting to informally train faculty how to respond to a student who reports a sexual assault.

Francesca Coppa, Associate Professor of English, Jeremy Teissere, Assistant Professor of Biology and Director of the Neuroscience Program and Adrian Gardner, Circulation/Reference Assistant at Trexler Library spoke about four things faculty members should do if a victim of sexual assault comes to them.

According to the presenters, first, the faculty members should "affirm the student." Second, they should "affirm that the student has choices." Third, faculty members should "keep quiet and observe confidentiality." Finally, they should "report the report to Campus Safety."

The College has had a number of programs centered on providing assistance to sexual assault victims, including the student-based Sexual Assault Support System (S.A.S.S.).

S.A.S.S. is made up of students who have been trained to provide support for victims at any stage of the healing process, while S.A.R.T. solely employs staff and faculty members.

S.A.R.T. has been created to provide sexual assault support in a variety of ways. Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services, has been training the new team since the start of the 2004 fall semester.

The team consists of professors and staff members who are meant to provide resources and connections for victims of sexual assault.

Kelly explained that the staff and professors were trained in the campus policy on sexual assaults, legal advice in regard to state and national sexual assault policies and psychology and trauma.

Not only are victims provided with information and counseling, but they are also strongly encouraged to seek a medical examination from a sexual assault forensic examiner at a local hospital.

The primary goal of S.A.R.T. is to provide the College Community with positive connections and resources to deal with sexual assaults.

Kelly stated, "We hope to provide another outlet other than a private counselor, and we feel that student connections with faculty members allow us to provide a greater sense of communication in the fact that these individuals are mentors to the students."

The College is the first within the Lehigh Valley to employ this type of mentor-based sexual assault counseling.

Kelly explained that she found Penn State's counseling program to be effective and used it as a model when creating S.A.R.T. Teissere is one of the five faculty members who has been trained for the new support system.

He explained that the team was not only trained in counseling victims, but also in counseling observers and perpetrators of sexual assaults.

"We can provide a confidential service to anyone who feels they have witnessed a sexual assault. I see the team as a resource students can take advantage of." said Teissere.

He continued to describe the new program by stating that "We really want to put the responsibility in the hands of the individual."

Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College, has also played a role in the creation and evolution of the College's sexual assault counseling capabilities.

The Task Force was made up of students, faculty members, staff and parents with the goal of formulating a series of recommendations on how to respond to the increase in reported sexual assaults.

"We found that peer to peer education is really effective when training either students or faculty members in the techniques of counseling," said Hass.

When asked how S.A.R.T has been improved, Hass said, "Now we have a much more institutionalized understanding on how to address specific problems. We have become much more organized and significantly more informed."

> *"We can provide a confidential service to anyone who feels they have witnessed a sexual assault."*
>
> Dr. Jeremy Teissere,
> Assistant Professor of Biology

Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 25 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2147 Chew St. due to water dripping into the detector from melting snow on the roof.

Jan. 25 – Suspicious Activity – A student in Taylor Hall left his room with the door unlocked. His friends knocked on his door when he was not in the room and reported hearing noise from inside. The resident could not find anything missing.

Jan. 26 – Institutional Vandalism and Attempted Theft – An individual tried to leave the Trexler Library through an emergency exit door with a book from which he had removed the alarm sensor. He then dropped the book and fled. He is described as a white male, approximately 5'8" tall with glasses, a hat, blue jeans and a beard.

Jan. 26 – Hit and Run – A car on Chew St. knocked the driver's side mirror off of a student's vehicle and continuted driving.

Jan. 26 – Theft – A student reported that medications were taken from his room in East Hall.

Jan. 26 – Injured Student – A student in Walz Hall hit his spine on a table. He was not given medical transport but was advised to visit the Health Center the following day.

Jan. 27 – Institutional Vandalism – A windowpane next to the front door of Alpha Epsilon Pi was smashed.

Jan. 27 – Harassment by Communication – A student in Prosser Hall reported receiving harassing phone calls from an ex-boyfriend. He has been referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 27 – Injured Student – A student injured one of his knees while at ice hockey practice. He was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Jan. 28 – Sick Student and Alcohol Violation – A student in Walz hall found vomiting was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital and has been referred to the judicial process.

Jan. 28 – Disturbance – A roommate conflict occurred in Robertson Hall. The students involved were referred to Residential Services.

Jan. 28 – Disorderly Conduct – Individuals outside of 428 Albright St. were throwing trash cans around at 2:20 a.m.

Jan. 28 – Disorderly Conduct – Justin S. Rudolph '08 of Walz Hall was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol, possession of false identification and failure to comply. He has also been referred to the judicial process.

Jan. 28 – Intoxicated Student – Madeline Prager '07 was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol.

Jan. 28 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A student struck an illegally parked vehicle on Chew St. with her mirror.

Jan. 28 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A dining services vehicle struck a vehicle in the Life Sports Center parking lot.

It's For
People Like
Me
MERGE
mergedigital.com

WEEKLY life!

> **"Life is like an onion: You peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimees you weep."**
>
> **- Carl Sandburg**

Perkulators party in Garden Room with goals of NYC in mind

By Sarah Smith
Asst. Life! Editor

The Garden Room was a buzz of music and entertainment as DJ Lex provided great tunes and The Perkulators showed off some of their best moves yet. Last Friday, the Perkulators sponsored a dance and performed to "Lean Back" and a Janet Jackson/Britney Spears mix.

In their white and black costumes, they stood out on the dance floor and demonstrated what real spirit and talent can achieve. Students from every year attended this event, coming to support friends and dancers in the group or just looking for a good time and some songs to move to. Random break dancing battles and tasty cookies completed the fun and enthusiastic atmosphere. Requesting a three dollar entrance fee, The Perkulators put on this dance with a purpose in mind.

The dance was only one of many fundraisers The Perkulators put on each year. For the past two years, they have held a Children's Workshop where children of faculty can learn a routine. They then perform with The Perkulators at a College basketball game during the half time show.

Another fundraiser put on by "The Perks," is a Master Class Workshop. For a small fee, anyone can learn an authentic Perkulator dance sequence. The workshop combines dance and aerobic exercise that promises to get your heart pumping.

The Perkulators have been persistently fundraising for a once in a lifetime opportunity: a chance to perform at Columbia University for its April open house. They plan on spending a weekend in New York and learning a professionally choreographed routine from The Broadway Dance Center.

Kristen Young '05, captain of The Perkulators, believes that this will be an invaluable experience for the girls on the team. They would have the chance "to get their feet wet in some strong dance competition experience."

Young has danced since she was ten and choreographs "The Perks'" routines with the help and input from all of its members. She says that each year the group has gotten better and better, proving that hard work and dedication pays off. Young believes that The Perkulators are more than a dance squad; they are a team. They inspire each other and work together to achieve a common goal.

The Perkulators take a breather after a night of fun and dancing. Their goal for 2005 is to perform at Columbia University with the help of fundraisers and student support.

Photo by Erin Cairns

The Perkulators are a dance squad at the College established about six years ago and comprised of 18 girls. Due to a heavy loss in seniors two years ago, seven new freshmen were admitted to the team this year. They add new spark and pizzazz.

The girls who participate in "The Perks" have a wide range of dance experience and are not all dance majors. Auditions for this lively group are held every fall.

Being a part of this dynamic team is no easy task; they rehearse three days a week during their active season, three hours on Friday and then three to fours hours during the week. This time commitment is further increased by their frequent on-campus performances. They regularly perform during basketball half time shows and elicit raving applause from both sides of the court.

They truly demonstrate school spirit and spunk. A landmark organization on campus, The Perkulators are a must-see for every College student.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF A MAGICAL GENIE GRANTED YOU ONE WISH, WHAT WOULD YOU WISH FOR?

"To move Muhlenberg to St. Thomas so we never have to deal with the snow."

-Carly Michael '07

"We'd both ask for more wishes."

-Alexandra Kaplan '08 and Alexis Kasczmarczik '08

"Immortality or a lifetime supply of chocolate."

-Jill Batdorf '05

"A job after I graduate."

-Jenn Rogers '05

"Hot water in the Phi Sig house."

-Kristen Demarco '06

Masturbation 101 for Females:

Learning to lend yourself a hand

By Christina Liciaga
Weekly Life! Writer

After an overwhelmingly busy weekend, committed and focused on bettering the College and unraveling the difficult question of student social life, I took the suggestion of some college leaders to take some time out for myself, to relax and feel uncommitted and free from obligation.

So after slipping into a cranberry silk teddy, lighting some cinnamon-scented candles and playing some smooth jazz, I began my personalized stress relief ritual. I lay on my bed, my eyes closed. It was just what the doctor had ordered: time alone for self-exploration and satisfaction.

Although masturbation has always been part of my sexual health (even as a virgin), historically, it carries stigmas and myths. Masturbation has been considered: an endangerment to human survival; a self-pollution that caused headaches, blindness and epilepsy; and a spiritual contamination, evident in castration and female circumcision still practiced in some areas of the world.

According to a 1994 sex study conducted by Laumann, Gagnon, Michael and Michaels, about 60 percent of men and 40 percent of women reported masturbating in 1993. These results are no great improvement from Alfred Kinsey's Report in 1948 and 1952. Currently the plot of a film playing at the Civic Theatre, Kinsey published the first reports on human sexuality, which documented interviews with over 11,000 men and women. These reports detailed (among other things) that 92 percent of men and 62 percent of women had ever masturbated. Yet, despite the infrequency of female masturbation, single females counted masturbation as the most important sexual outlet, and married females between the ages of 16 and 40, ranked it as the second most important outlet, providing 7-10 percent of orgasms. With only 40 percent of women today having had an orgasm, masturbation seems to serve a crucial role.

IN THE *NUDE*

(A note for men: I apologize for the female-centeredness of this particular article, but understand that men have been instructed to play with their genitals since practically potty training, whereas women often hide masturbation from their partners, or worse deny it for themselves. Having encouraged partners to masturbate in front of each other, I figured I'd share some techniques that can enable that empowering step. So, hang in there).

Okay ladies, first thing to do is set aside some time and find a comfortable, warm and quiet environment. If unfamiliar with your genitalia, take a moment and a mirror to uncover the many beautiful layers you have within: the outer vaginal lips surround the pinker labia minora which connects at the clitoris, a pea-sized hot spot. Below the clitoris is the urethra, and below that is the opening to your vagina.

Once acquainted with your vagina, find a comfortable position, lay on your back or front and relax. When exploring your erogenous zones, you probably want to start with your clitoris, as it is the most sensitive part of your body, consolidating the same number of nerve endings as a penis into a much smaller area. Try massaging the clitoris and experimenting with pressure and speed. If too sensitive, begin by tracing your way to the vulva beginning with ears, lips, breasts or thighs.

Experimentation in masturbation is very important, so try touching different places in different ways, thus personalizing your experience. For example, if you prefer water

SEE **SEX** | PAGE 12

Unmasked, *The Phantom* is uglier than it should be

By Sarah Smith
Assistant Life! Editor

Recreating the famous and popularly acclaimed Broadway musical *The Phantom of the Opera*, director Andrew Lloyd Webber attempts to place what worked so well on stage onto the big screen. Unfortunately, it was a valiant effort with only mediocre results.

The Phantom of the Opera is a wonderful musical full of suspense and intrigue. It takes place in 19th century Paris at the Opera Populaire where Erik, the phantom, haunts the opera and its members. It is a unique, beautiful show, which comes across as hokey and corny on screen due to the unrealistic sets.

Emmy Rossum plays Christine, the young soprano vocally trained and beloved by the phantom. Emmy is an upcoming starlet who, it is said, sets the standard for the new generation of young actresses. She has starred in films such as *Songcatcher*, *Mystic River* and *An American Rhapsody*. Although she may be extremely talented, this movie does not convey her promise and ability. Her character is uncomplicated, sickly sweet and entranced by the Phantom's seductions. Her vocals can be highly commended though. They are stunning and innocent, mirroring her character's main traits. Even this positive aspect is overshadowed by her inability to lip synch. She had received a Golden Globe nomination for her role as Christine, and rightly so, did not win.

Patrick Wilson plays Raul, the Vicomte de Chagny, and Christine's childhood love. Raul is the wealthy, handsome, hero-figure who provides competition for the Phantom. Wilson is a well-versed stage performer, starring in *The Full Monty*, *Oklahoma!*, and many other musical productions. As a secondary lead, his presence is not as spotlighted as Emmy Rossum's, but he provides a solid performance backed by strong vocals. As a veteran singer and actor, he fulfills his role as much as could be asked for. It was not a blow away performance, but his role did not call for one either.

Gerard Butler is the Phantom, and makes quite a dashing one at that. He plays a troubled, deformed man, who has lived beneath the opera house his whole life to escape from the sneering world. He trains Christine in hopes that she will one day sing his operas. Butler is a Scottish actor who has performed in movies such as *Dear Frankie* and a slew of other films. His acting is convincing and dynamic, although one can tell he is not a singer. Normally this would not be a problem, but in a musical, having actors that can sing would be a plus. In fact, it is necessary.

If you want to see a well-executed movie with insightful acting and brilliant cinematography, do not see *The Phantom of the Opera*. It is not a four star film, nor will it ever be. If you are looking for an entertaining film to waste some time and money on, go for it. It holds your attention and leaves you with a catchy tune in your head.

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Are We There Yet?
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun.1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Coach Carter
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00,10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

In Good Company
Fri. 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 7:10

Meet the Fockers
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Boogeyman
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

The Wedding Date
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Hide and Seek
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Million Dollar Baby
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Student Spotlight: Kristyn Brady

By Meredith Williams
Weekly Life! Writer

Kristyn Brady may not know exactly what she wants to do after graduation, but she has many paths from which to choose. The senior, Muhlenberg Dance Association president has been involved in a myriad of on and off campus activities that all began with her first dance class when she was three years old.

Brady is a double major in dance and her self-designed major, costume theory and function. Her self-designed major incorporates theatre, dance and art classes in order to study costume design as an art form.

When asked what she wants to do with her future she replied, "I tell my Dad something different every week." She has thought about going into the fashion industry, costume design, interior design or perhaps graduate school for fashion design, which is a more degree driven business.

This summer she will work as a costume designer at Camp Walden, an all girl's summer camp in Denmark, ME. During one camp session eight musicals are performed for which Brady will design all the costumes.

She has spent the last four summers in Florida where her parents recently moved. She works in the entertainment department in Walt Disney World and has participated in Spectromagic, the Magic Kingdom light parade and Mickey's Jammin' Jungle Parade in Animal Kingdom. Brady also worked as assistant to the director in a Florida Arts Camp. Brady also serves as the dance counselor at the camp, which offers dance, drama, arts, computer and sports instruction.

Kristyn Brady '05 relaxes after a busy day as MDA President.

Photo by Jackie Starner

She explained that she is always trying something new because she gets bored with things she has done in the past.

In the past, Brady served as a campus delegate and tour guide. She has also worked in the box office and is now a dance assistant. She choreographed a piece about baseball for the informal dance concert last spring and a piece examing post-its for the student dance concert this fall. Freshman year she was a City Space volunteer teaching drama to kids ages six to eight in an after school reach out program.

As MDA president Brady has worked to organize the rules and regulations of the club. In particular she has been more stringent in not allowing club members to audition if they do not complete production hours. Brady says she is not trying to be mean, but the dancers need to understand that if they do not do behind the scenes work shows cannot be put on.

As her time as MDA president quickly passes she hopes that the next administration continues to work closely with the Muhlenberg Theatre Association. "The more we work together in the future the better both of our organizations can be. We'll have a broader reach," she explained.

Brady also hopes that next year the new leaders will work to preserve the positive atmosphere of the organization. She described the group currently as very supportive and friendly, enjoying dance for the fun of the activity.

Community service has also played a role in the dance association. Last winter there was a scarf, hat and mitten drive, and these items were donated to an orphanage in Kiev, Ukraine. Brady also hopes that MDA enhances the tradition of giving not only to the Muhlenberg community but also to the broader community

The well-versed senior is now ready for the next step. In the beginning of the year she was nervous about leaving. The year has progressed she is now excited about getting into the real world. She described the college campus as a bit sheltered and is now ready to struggle with real problems. "I'm ready for the challenge," she said.

Have you heard of Michael Tolcher?

By Jackie Starner
Asst. Life! Editor

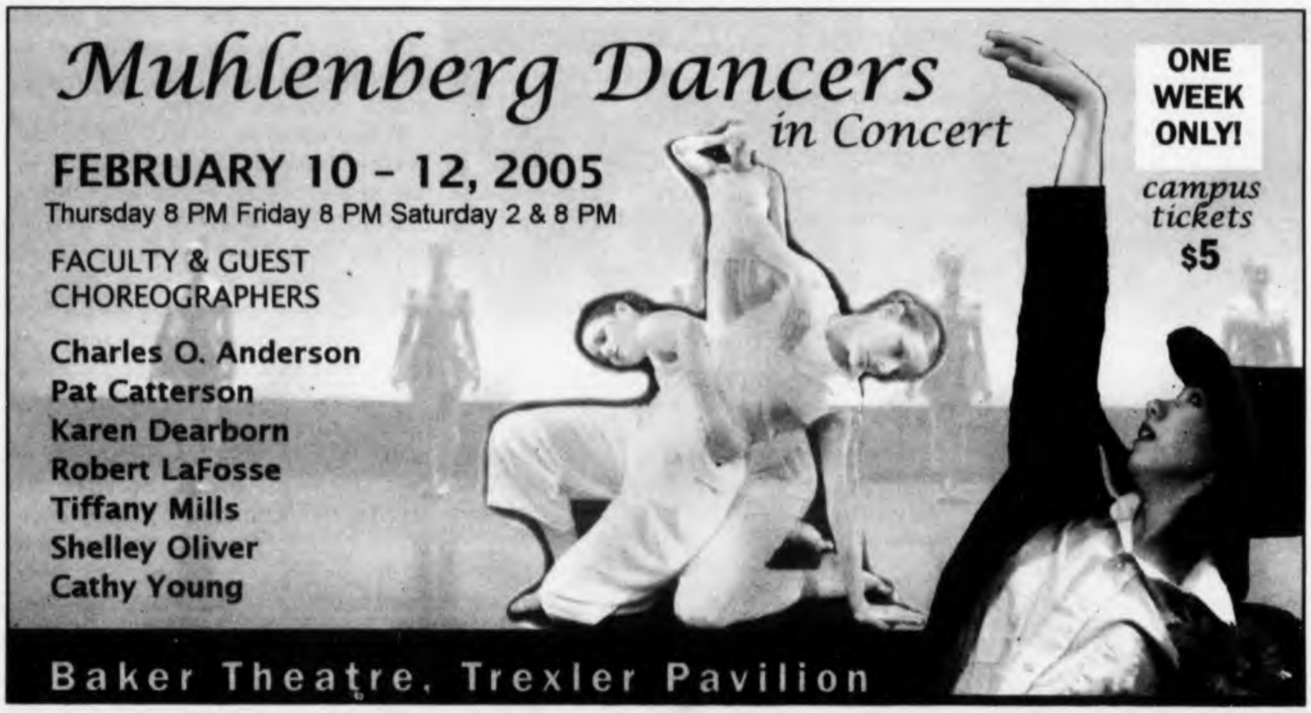
Michael Tolcher's musical performance at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta was ironic because he had once dreamed of being a miler in the Olympic Games. However, Tolcher said that the experience was not at all bittersweet because truthfully he's glad that he stopped running. Running carried with it too much pressure, and his body was beginning to break down. In a mile long race, Tolcher said that the person who wins is the one willing to go through the most agony. For Tolcher music is a far more enjoyable career path. Though he does not always enjoy driving long hours to reach different touring destinations, he says on the whole he's pretty comfortable.

An influential person in Tolcher's musical career and life was Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Tupac Shakur's father. Tolcher met Dr. Shakur at the Atlanta Federal Penitentary. No, Tolcher is not an ex-con. He just enjoys entertaining at the prison where his father works as a pastor. Tolcher explained that his work at the prison was very rewarding because the inmates were appreciative of what he brought to them, and he felt good that he could make their lives more bearable if even only for a short time.

Dr. Shakur encouraged Tolcher to pursue his dream of a musical career. In 1994, Tolcher began his journey by traveling to different towns and booking his own gigs in local bars and coffee shops. At 25 he even performed for an audience of five giggly girls at a thirteenth birthday party.

Since the release of his debut album *I Am* Tolcher says his life has been drastically different. The time commitments are the biggest difference for him. He is continually on the road touring, mostly opening for other acts. In January, Tolcher

SEE **TOLCHER** | PAGE 12



Muhlenberg Dancers
in Concert

FEBRUARY 10 - 12, 2005
Thursday 8 PM Friday 8 PM Saturday 2 & 8 PM

FACULTY & GUEST
CHOREOGRAPHERS

Charles O. Anderson
Pat Catterson
Karen Dearborn
Robert LaFosse
Tiffany Mills
Shelley Oliver
Cathy Young

ONE WEEK ONLY!

campus tickets
$5

Baker Theatre, Trexler Pavilion

horoscopes

By Mme Emma Nordica and the writers of *Napoleon Dynamite*

Aries

"It's a liger...It's pretty much my favorite animal."

Ligers and tigers and bears-oh my! So you've heard of the Squabbit, but have you ever heard of the campus Liger? It's part tiger, part lion. If you think that's odd, well I hear there are also some thespians scurrying around, and I don't even think thestrals (see Harry Potter) and lesbians can mate.

Taurus

"I see you're drinking one percent. Is that because you think you're fat? Because you're not."

Does this dress make me look fat? How about these shoes? How about this milk? How about this horoscope? Here's what you guys need to do when girls ask this: Just say "You're a freakin' elephant, ok?" She might be pissed, she might stalk off, but she'll never ask you again.

Gemini

"Napoleon, don't be jealous because I've been chatting online with babes all day."

And this makes you cool? Listen, spending $3.99 per minute to talk to Sugarlove392 on literotica.com doesn't exactly make you a playa. Wipe off your keyboard, take a cold shower and go ask out a real lady. One for whom you only have to buy dinner, flowers and diamonds.

Cancer

"Tina, come get some ham!"

You're going to be a LOT better off with ham than anything you'd eat at that corner restaurant. Not to gross you out, but that guy serving you burgers may not exactly be Mr. Hygiene. You know, most people don't wash their hands after using the restroom. And most people pick their noses too. Now, take a big bite of that burger. Mmm Mmm Good.

Leo

"Make yourself a dang quesadilla!"

I like mine with hot salsa, not that medium stuff. And scallions. Apply some Pam, and gather some tortillas and cheese. Arrange all-o-that and maybe even some chicken (for all the non-vegos) into a sandwich-like formation, and toast it in the pan for a couple minutes. Ole!

Virgo

"A soft face should be complemented by a soft body."

Back off sicko. Telling girls that their bodies or faces are like a Sealy mattress isn''t going to get you any booty. Try the following: "Wow, you're abs are rock-hard," or even "You're just so hot!" In short, soft=doughy, and doughy=Star Jones.

Libra

"The defect in this one is bleach."

Hey, just because Michael Jackson might be the whitest black man you've ever seen doesn't mean that you can't give the man some props. He sure does have a way with children. What's that you say? He's under investigation? It's because of that darned Billy Jean isn't it. I hate when women sue for child support. She's not even his lover.

Scorpio

"I used to be able to throw a pig skin a quarter mile."

It's almost the Super Bowl! Break out the wings! And gallons and gallons of beer! GOOOO Patriots! (If you need to find me, I will be hiding out in a small, remote corner of New England, fearing for my life, as all of the Eagles fans chase me down). And the potato skins! And...the Imodium AD!

Sagittarius

"Yes, I love technology, but not as much as you, you see."

Hey, were you LISTENING when we told Gemini to get off the Internet? When your computer starts to slow down due to too much Jenna Jamison, you might want to consider a new hobby like eating lunch in public. Just think, *Debbie Does Dallas* will still be there when you come back from GQ.

Capricorn

"I like your sleeves. They're real big."

Hey, listen. They're ain't nothing wrong with tiny sleeves. You hear me? I'm sick of all this hoopla over big sleeves. Just because your girlfriend's got sleeves it doesn't mean she's gifted in the ring...or the rear, for that matter. Don't judge a person by their physical attributes. Unless they're male, of course.

Aquarius

"We both know I'm training to be a cage fighter."

First you were telling everyone that you were going to be President of the United States. Then you told everyone that you were going to be fraternity president. You shouldn't kid yourself or anyone else. And don't even think of telling people that you're not a tool.

Pisces

"Gosh."

I'm going to stop playing around here. If you have already seen *Napoleon Dynamite,* than you know it's the best movie ever. If you haven't, then you need to see it because A) It's fantastic, and B) It's a great way to waste time without using any illegal substances, going to a party, or doing homework.

SEX | FROM PAGE 10

environments, head for the tub and let the faucet or showerhead run directly over your clitoris. The pressure of this "waterfall," is often strong enough to stimulate orgasm.

For those women who need prolonged stimulation before reaching orgasm, look into buying a vibrator. There are a plethora of options for all your masturbating needs, and an excellent vibrator is often less than $40. Personal suggestions include Ultra Tech 3000 and Rabbit Pearl, but of course preference is personal.

Regardless of how, where and in what position you choose to masturbate, make sure not to give up, particularly when heading for that petit mort (it's often difficult to regain these sensations if you stop altogether).

Knowing your body well enough to find self-pleasure will extend into great sex with your partner, and encourage personal sexual health. Of course, if you're skeptical about my advice, there are books written by professionals about masturbation.

In fact, 2004 was a closet-shattering literary feast for self-pleasure. So, choose a book, set the mood and try it for yourself. After all, we all need time to relax.

Book suggestions:

The Joy of Self-Pleasuring: Why Feel Guilty About Feeling Good? By Edward L. Rowan, $19.

Masturbation as Means of Achieving Sexual Health. Edited by Walter O. Bockting and Eli Coleman, $17.95.

Masturbation: The History of a Great Terror. By Jean Stengers and Anne Van Neck, $24.95.

TOLCHER | FROM PAGE 11

opened for Gavin DeGraw at the Crocodile Rock Cafe in Allentown and says there is a good chance that he will be performing with DeGraw at Muhlenberg College on April 10. Of opening for other acts, which can be difficult for a performer because the audience wants to see the headliner, Tolcher is optimistic. He says that you just have to spend a little time winning them over.

Although Tolcher has recently received national attention: his song "Sooner or Later" was chosen as the theme song for the teen drama *Life as we know it*; Tolcher remains certain that at the core he will never change. His family and friends will never let him lose the values that he was brought up to respect.

Tolcher was also recently chosen to be the spokesperson for the American Lung Association. Tolcher's track "Mission Responsible" will be used in American Lung association ads that are being produced in a cutting-edge music video format.

Tolcher made his national television debut playing a performer of the past on the NBC hour-long drama *American Dreams*.

When asked to classify his music, Tolcher refused. He said that if he had to classify his music as anything it would be "as [his] own music." Tolcher didn't even want to name any musicians who have had an influence on him because he has been influenced by every piece of music that he's ever listened to.

Tolcher, who writes his own lyrics, would consider himself a poet. But he chooses to communicate through songs because he "feel[s] like a song is a deeper communication." One day Tolcher may write a book because he loves manipulating words, but for now he's busy touring, which to him is "sick enjoyable [and a] great party every night."

Tolcher knows what its like to be a young musician with a seemingly impossible dream, and he advises the next generation of musicians to stay focused on their music.

"The ultimate dream is to become a great artist and to create music that people enjoy," says Tocher. He believes that the perks that come with fame are just extra. The most important thing to him is always his music.

START YOUR OWN FRATERNITY!

Zeta Beta Tau is looking for men to start a new chapter.

If you are interested in academic success, a chance to network and an opportunity to make friends in a non-pledging Brotherhood, e-mail: zbt@zbtnational.org or call: 800-431-9674

Mules lose in three games

MEN'S BASKETBALL

By Allison Marman
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules are now 8-10, and 5-6 in Centennial Conference after they suffered three consecutive games on the road, first in a make-up game against Washington College, then to Ursinus College and Johns Hopkins University.

The Mules defeated Washington by 21 points in their first match-up back in December, but fell short this past weekend. At the ten-minute mark, the Mules took the lead 60-59, having trailed most of the game by as many as twelve points.

The lead switched several more times as the two teams fought for the final minutes. A couple of offensive fouls gave the Shoremen the opportunity they needed. Washington went on a 12-0 run, leaving the Mules trailing by nine points when the final buzzer rang.

Following Washington College's 85-76 victory over the Mules, the Shoremen went on to defeat McDaniel and Dickinson Colleges. This leaves the Mules tied with Washington College for sixth position in the Centennial Conference. With few games left to play, the Mules are working for a few wins that would put them in the playoffs.

Two days after falling to Washington College, the Mules saw a similar outcome at Ursinus (7-4, 10-8). They again trailed most of the game, partly due to a start where they saw four turnovers in the first few possessions. This led to a 9-0 lead for the Bears.

The first half closed with the Mules trailing 47-25. The Mules fought but could not bring Ursinus' lead to less than ten points in the second half.

Sophomore Jeff Stewart finished with his tenth double-double game, with twenty points and eleven rebounds. Stewart is now placed in the top three for Centennial Conference in scoring with 19.4 points per game rebounding at 9.6 per game and blocked shots with two per game.

Junior Jimmy O'Brien added fifteen points and seven boards, and Sophomore Chris Pothering brought in nine points.

. The Mules then challenged the number two seed in Centennial Conference, Johns Hopkins University (8-3, 11-6). The game was close throughout, with sixteen lead changes and six ties, and the Mules held a 61-58 lead with just 25 seconds to play. The Blue Jays nailed a three-pointer to tie the score. A foul put Hopkins on the line. The shooter missed, but an offensive rebound gave way to a driving lay-up, giving the Blue Jays a two point lead with 6.8 seconds left on the clock.

Senior co-Captain Chase Licata had a personal best last week against Swarthmore College. Licata finished with a career-high 22 points, seven boards and two assists. The Mules travel to Gettysburg College on Saturday. Gettysburg is ranked third in the Conference.

INDOOR TRACK

FROM PAGE 16

Drosdick led the Mules in the long jump, placing first with a jump of 16-2 1/2. Sophomore Lily Hatfield, Freshman Erika Koop and Junior Danielle Seiler placed second, third and fourth, respectively.

Koop placed first in the high jump with a jump of 5-1 3⁄4 and qualified for the ECACs. Koop's jump was an improvement from her last jump at the Orange and Maroon Classic, where she had jumped only 4-11 3/4. She explained that during last week's jump she was dealing with a knee injury.

Throughout the week before this Friday's meet, Koop said that she "rested a lot and tried to relieve the pain". She continued, "I was very satisfied with Friday's performance and feel that I am back to where I was in high school. This jump was very close to my personal best."

When asked about her experience having a meet at home, Koop agreed with Browdowski that it boosted a lot of performances. She added, "the home meet made the team feel comfortable because it's where we practice. It was really great to have so many people support the team. It was nice to see the students who came out to appreciate what we do."

In this meet, Drosdick placed second with a jump of five feet even, which is consistent with her jump from the last meet.

Sophomore Katie Hesselink-Hinks placed third with a jump of 4-10.

In the 400m, Seiler won with a time of 1:03.7. She was three seconds ahead of her nearest opponent, Sophomore Stephanie Conicella. Her time of 1:07.5 put her in third place. Freshman Emily Karel was over two seconds behind her in fourth place.

Seiler then helped the 4x400m team finish in first. Seiler, along with Senior Samantha Sachleben, and Sophomores Jenna Lombardi and Karen Mount finished in a time of 4:22.2. Sophomore Kim David threw 7-0 in the pole vault, finishing in first.

Overall, the women finished with a score of 106 while Ursinus had 77 points and DeSales 51. The Mules compete Friday in the Mule Pentathlon. They face Ursinus College again on Saturday in the Frank Colden Invitational.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
GET INVOLVED

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP PLAN EVENTS FOR THE FALL '05 SEMESTER?

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AS OUR BIG CONCERT NEXT FALL?

WHAT TYPE OF OFF CAMPUS TRIPS WOULD YOU LIKE US TO BOOK?

MAC MEETINGS
Every Wednesday @ 5pm
Trumbower 130
or...drop off your suggestions in the
SUGGESTION BOX in Seegers Union Lobby
or stop by
The Student Activities Office

YOUR IDEAS & OPINIONS
ARE IMPORTANT TO US

EVER WONDER WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR

-pool tables & PacMan in the Red Door-
-off campus trips to movie theatre & bowling alley-
-getting the Frisbee Golf course markers-
-computers in the lobby-
-Texas Hold-Em tournament-
-renovations outside Brown & Prosser-

and the current project
"THE UNDERGROUND"
(watch for the new look when you return from spring break)

PROGRAMMING
MEETING

Monday, February 7 1pm
Seegers 109/110

EVERYONE'S INVITED!!
IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT...SEND A FRIEND

Men's lacrosse takes on new leadership

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

The upcoming season is looking bright for the men's lacrosse program, as Chris Bissinger, an assistant coach at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia for the last five years, was named head men's lacrosse coach.

A 1995 graduate of Hampden-Sydney, Bissinger enjoyed success in both the classroom and on the lacrosse field. The 1995 Division III All-American midfielder has achievements that accompany his outstanding All-American accolades including Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Society member, Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society member, Division III Academic All-American Nominee, Joshua Warren White Intercollegiate Sportsmanship Award winner and Old Dominion Athletic Conference Academic Team member.

Upon graduation from Hampden-Sydney in 1995, Bissinger was the assistant lacrosse coach at his alma mater until deciding to try the business world, working for both a consulting firm and a law firm. He returned to Hampden-Sydney as the assistant lacrosse coach and recruiting coordinator in 1999.

His team earned three consecutive bids to the NCAA Tournament and set a school record for victories during his time as assistant coach. Hampden-Sydney was ranked third in the final 2002 regular-season poll and reached the NCAA quarterfinals in 2003.

The humble Bissinger claims that his previous success has only enabled him to appreciate the academically strong and socially thriving atmosphere that surrounds the College's lacrosse program. Furthermore, Bissinger recognizes the College as a unique institution with the capability of developing a nationally competitive Division III lacrosse team.

Bissinger said, "At Hampden-Sydney, I was in a situation where we anticipated being asked to be in the NCAA Tournament annually. There was no reason for me to leave there, unless it was for another school where I felt there was an opportunity for me to build to that level of success again. It is obvious that Muhlenberg was that kind of option for me."

Bissinger takes over a still-growing program, as men's lacrosse was reinstated as a varsity sport in 2003. Bissinger feels that the flourishing environment that surrounds the College will assist him in elevating the lacrosse program. Bissinger has a positive outlook about the program's future, thanks to the high academic credentials of the College and the newly renovated Life Sports Center.

"I think we will be successful in attracting kids who are strong students as well as competitive athletes because of the combination of the strong scholastic reputation of Muhlenberg and the outstanding athletic facilities. In my mind, this College provides a very exciting campus where student-athletes can blossom," said Bissinger.

Equipped with an optimistic but rational outlook on the upcoming season, Bissinger is thrilled to be holding the reigns of such an emergent program. "The development of the program is going to be a process. I think that it is going to take some time and luck in terms of recruiting, along with a lot of hard work, but that is the exciting part for me," he said.

"The lacrosse program will embrace our vision through our commitment to excellence by focusing on each student-athlete's development academically and athletically. Our emphasis will be on maximizing each student-athlete's potential in order to produce the highest quality lacrosse program in Division III," said Bissinger.

Bissinger will be supported by two assistant coaches--Jamie Lockard and Charles Cornell. Coach Bissinger commented, "Having the opportunity to come to a college like Muhlenberg was an exciting opportunity for me. Combining that opportunity with the support of two hard working assistants that I've known for years was almost too much to ask for." The presence of two people whom Bissinger considers friends has allowed him to ease into his new position.

New Head Lacrosse Coach Chris Bissinger smiles for the camera in his new office.

Photo by Tara DeMarzo

"Charles Cornell has been at Muhlenberg for three years and has done an excellent job of recruiting the student-athletes that make up this team. Jamie Lockard was both a high school and collegiate All-American as a lacrosse player and is a hard-working young man. I'm fortunate to have the two of them on my staff," Bissinger said. Thus, the staff companionship will be a stable foundation on which to build their lacrosse program.

Sam Beidleman, Director of Athletics, is pleased with Bissinger's acceptance of the coaching position. "I consider it Muhlenberg's good fortune to have been able to attract Coach Bissinger to our program, and I am confident his skills, knowledge, leadership and character will continue the development of our lacrosse program and contribute in many ways to the life of the College."

Most importantly, the players on the team are nothing short of elated about their new coach and believe that his presence will be an encouraging aspect of their team. Junior captain John Westendorf stated, "Personally I am very excited about Coach Bissinger, as he is a highly regarded coach in Division III, and I consider us very lucky to have obtained him. He will bring many new dimensions to the Muhlenberg lacrosse program, and I feel that our team will respond nicely to the change."

Whether through the words of Beidleman or Westendorf, the positive impact that Bissinger has already had on the program is evident but expected, based on his credentials. Westendorf commented, "I feel the administration and athletic department showed their continuing support of the men's lacrosse team in their dedication and the wonderful coaching choice they made in the process."

Here's a Great Idea!

Become a
STUDENT ADVISOR
For Orientation 2005

Needed: Enthusiastic and Responsible Male and Female students from the classes of 2006, 2007, and 2008

If you are interested in being part of this rewarding experience, stop by the office of
Dean Carol Shiner Wilson, 3rd Floor Haas
to pick up an application

Applications are due Monday, February 7, 12 noon

Please call Pam at x3130 with questions

DID YOU KNOW?

On February 6, 1971 Alan Shepard hit a golf ball on the moon, making golf the only sport to be played in outer space.

http://www.didyouknow.cd/fast-facts/sports.htm

WRITE FOR SPORTS

Contact:
Kristen Ziegler at
zieg3527@muhlenberg.edu
Allison Auclair at
aauclair@muhlenberg.edu
Tara DeMarzo at
EBcatcher25@aol.com

Mules split victories

By Dylan Moulton
Weekly Sports Writer

WRESTLING

The Mules broke even this week in several duals against King's College and SUNY Maritime. King's won the last three bouts of the match to break free from a 15-15 tie to win 29-15, but the Mules rebounded to defeat Maritime, 39-9.

The Mules (4-8) did not have much luck against King's in past Centennial Conference meets, so they were very satisfied with the result this week.

Senior co-Captain Frank Pepe was very pleased with Freshman Brian Saval's (157) performance: "Saval had a great week. He was put to his back in the first three seconds, [but] proceeded to chip away at the lead to eventually win 10-6."

Saval has the third highest winning percentage, 0.636, in the Centennial Conference to date.

The Mules were tied with Kings with only three matches left but lost all three by two major decisions and a pin in overtime, respectively. King's was the favorite in the match, but Sophomore Matt Loesch's pin at 197 (his fifth of the season) and Freshman Joe Tartar's 6-1 win at heavy weight over Jim Bishop started the team out with an important win.

The Mules beat Maritime in resounding fashion, winning the match while recording three pins, three minor decisions and two forfeits. Sophomore Michael Tenenhaus (125) won by pin for the first time in his college career, flattening Keegan Van Auken in four minutes and twenty-seven seconds.

Pepe said that Tenenhaus "man-handled the kid until it was too much to take, and the kid rolled over." Senior co-Captain Jeremy Hart bumped up a weight class to wrestle 149, defeating Zachary Gottschling 4-0 in his typical, methodical style even against a stronger, more physical opponent.

Hart was just recognized for his exemplary wrestling by the Centennial Conference for his "top individual performance" against Albright College on Jan. 20. Last week, his pin helped to bring the Mules to their 31-16 victory. This win brings Hart's career wins to 62.

The other pins came from Sophomore John Hesse (184), who recorded his fifth of the season and Tartar, who earned his ninth pin of the season, tying second place in Centennial Conference for pins along with Patrick Kains (197) of Kings Point College and Eddie Murray (125) of Ursinus College.

A now familiar performance came from Saval, who won another convincing match against the toughest wrestler at Maritime College, 6-1. Senior William Carrol is a recent transfer from Division I wrestling, who as a junior, was ranked eighth in New York state in all college divisions. Hart said, "He's coming off an injury and has not lost a step."

The Mules have two tough conference matches this week. Their first is against Ursinus College, who is currently ranked 23rd in the nation and second in the Centennial Conference.

The second match is against Gettysburg College, who has a 0-1 record in Centennial Conference matches. Gettysburg is ranked sixth in the Conference.

Both matches are away, but the team isn't discouraged by this fact. Pepe said, "We are looking to let loose and wreak havoc this week."

Freshman Chris Swensen struggles to gain control over his opponent at a home match.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Sam: A closer look

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

Sam Beidleman is the Athletic Director at the College.

Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Website

Athletic Director Sam Beidleman first came to the College as a varsity letterwinner in football and track. After graduation in 1963, Beidleman coached football for thirteen seasons and (from 1970 to 1992) coached baseball. After a brief retirement, he returned in April 2003 as interim Director of Athletics until he was named Athletic Director in July 2003.

With his long history of involvement at the College, Beidleman has many memories. As an athlete, Beidleman's fondest memory was scoring a touchdown against Lebanon Valley. It was the longest touchdown return with a fumbling recovery. The record stands to this day. As a football coach, he cherishes the day his team beat Widener College. That year Widener had three future professional athletes on their team and won the national championship.

Baseball holds some funnier memories. In his first spring baseball trip, the Mules traveled in a school bus owned by the Muhlenberg-Cedar Crest Partnership. The bus was painted half blue and gold, as well as half cardinal and gray. The team arrived at the Naval Academy gates as "if the Partridge Family was coming to town," said Beidleman.

These memories, along with his passion for the department are revealed in his job performance. In his first year as acting Athletic Director, the baseball and softball teams were in the Conference playoffs. Beidleman drove about 600 miles in one weekend, going between the baseball team and softball team's Conference playoff games. Now as Athletic Director, Beidleman is enthused to be a part of the dedication of the new athletic facilities.

While there is plenty to say about Sam Beidleman the student-athlete, the coach and the Athletic Director, there is more to reveal about him.

Favorites:

Sport to watch: football
Sport to play: football
Sport to coach: baseball
Movie: *Ben Hur*
Food: ice cream (all flavors)

Quote: "Sometimes being responsible means pissing people off." - Colin Powell, U.S. Secretary of State

Mentor/Idol: Ray Wispell, the former head football coach and athletic director at Muhlenberg. Beidleman's office is named in memory of Wispell.

Friends/Alumni: "Jay Ralph Borneman and those people who played for me are now my banker, doctor, dentist, accountant and basically every other need in my life."

Outside the office activities: Golf. When asked if he was any good at golf, Beidleman laughed and said no. He explained that his son is a golf pro and coach at Loyola College in Baltimore, Md., and even he can't straighten out his father's golf swing.

Admirable sports figure: Afraid it might sound like pre-game hype, Beidleman still chose Donovan McNabb. He said that he is bright, articulate, an excellent role model and an outstanding guy who has his ego is in check.

Correction

In the Jan. 27 Indoor Track and Field article, it was stated that Freshman Lauren Carballo jumped 4-11 3/4. In fact, it was Sophomore Katie Hicks, not Sophomore Carballo who jumped that height.

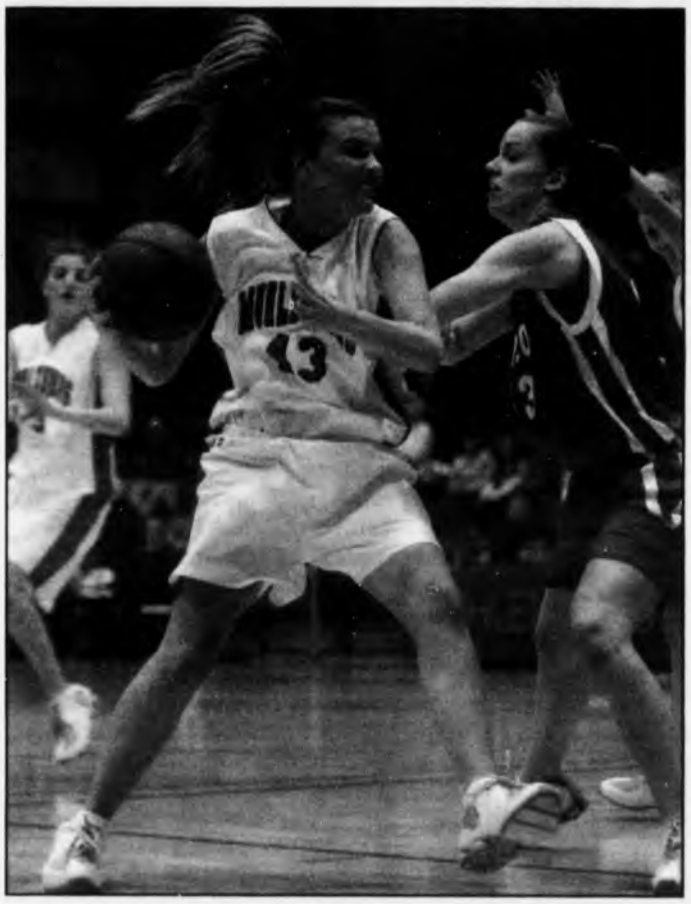
THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Inside: *New Lacrosse Coach joins athletic department.*
page 14

Inside: *Wrestling ready to wreak havoc on the road.*
page 18

Mules' changes not enough to defeat Jays



Driving to the hoop, Junior Lacie Smith power dribbles past the defender.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

By Tara DeMarzo
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Mules fell short when they faced Johns Hopkins University, the third ranked team in the Centennial Conference.

The first time the two teams met this season, the Mules lost to the Blue Jays 91-64. This time, however, the Mules improved their losing deficit to a mere eight points.

The Mules switched from their usual style of play, which is similar to ice hockey rotations, to a more common approach. Their technique adjustment resulted in a decrease in points scored as the team averaged 83.3 points per game going into the game against Johns Hopkins University.

Although the College scored 30.3 points less than its average, the losing margin was significantly lower than the last game versus the Blue Jays.

Johns Hopkins came out strong with an 8-0 run, but Junior Stephanie Coluccini broke up the Blue Jay scoring streak with back-to-back jumpers. The jumpers sparked the Mules' 9-2 offensive run that positioned the team 10-9 with 11:39 on the clock.

Sophomore Emily Wright tied the game at sixteen points with 7:28 remaining in play.

Wright then pushed the team ahead for the first time in the game with a jumper at 6:52, making the score 18-16. The Blue Jays battled back, and the two teams entered the locker room with the score reading, 26-21 in favor of the Jays.

In the second half, Senior Gwen Doyle and Wright came out strong, hitting deep three-point shots. Junior Lacie Smith then scored to give the College their second lead of the game at 29-28.

Johns Hopkins Sophomore Whitney Davis then came off the bench with a three-pointer for the Jays to regain their lead. They stayed ahead for the remainder of the game.

Wright and Junior Kristen Piscaldo led the College with twelve and ten points respectively. Last week, Piscaldo was recognized on the Centennial Conference Honor Roll for her performance against Swarthmore College last week. Piscaldo had seventeen points, six assists and four steals in the game.

Smith led both teams with fifteen rebounds as the Mules finished just one board behind Hopkins, 47-46.

Tonight, the Mules face Washington College (M.D.), who is ranked ninth in the Conference. On Saturday, the Mules will go up against Gettysburg College. Gettysburg is fifth in the Conference.

Mules dominate first home meet

By Kristen Ziegler
SPORTS EDITOR

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

In the opening meets of the season, John Brodowski finished in the top half of the field in the long jump, the high jump and the 55m hurdles. This week, he finished three events in first and a fourth event in second. Brodowski's performance in the meet was characteristic of the rest of the team.

The Mules hosted their first meet in the team's history against Ursinus College and DeSales University.

"It was exciting having friends watching. The better support of friends bred good performance and had better results," said Brodowski.

"This was definitely the best showing this year. A bunch of people had their season's best performance or their personal best. We were definitely excited to have the meet at home," said Brodowski. Both the men's and women's teams finished first in over half of their events.

Brodowski finished first in the long jump and the pole vault. His long jump of 22-2 was just one inch short of his own College record from the 2003 season.

"This was my first time pole-vaulting this year, and it was a big surprise that I did so well. It gives me confidence going into the next week," said Brodowski.

In the 55m hurdles, Brodowski finished in 7.8 seconds and qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

Brodowski, along with Junior Jason Finkelstein and Sophomores Stephen Rothwell and Lex Mercado, finished the 4x400 in just three minutes 37 seconds. The team had a 2.6 second lead over DeSales University.

Mercado placed third in the 200m and first in the 400m. In the 200m, Junior Caffrey Garff was tied for seventh at a time of 25.3. Senior Ben Patton and Freshman Todd Gildstein came in together in twelfth and thirteenth, respectively.

In just his second week, Freshman Joel Haddock qualified for the ECACs in two events. In the triple jump, Haddock placed first with a jump of 43-2 1/2. Haddock placed second in the long jump with a jump of 21-4 1/2.

In the shot put, Sophomore Matthew Sallese, and Seniors Beny Jose and Jeff Salzano finished in first, second and third place, respectively. Sallese beat his personal record by ten inches.

Overall, the men finished with 114 points, while Ursinus and DeSales finished with 78 1/2 and 77 1/2 points, respectively.

"This is the best start to what should be a good season," said Brodowski.

The women's team also had three people qualify for the ECACs. In the 55m hurdles, both Senior Ashlie Hankee and Sophomore Rachel Drosdick qualified. Hankee had a time of 8.7 seconds, while Drosdick finished in 8.8 seconds.

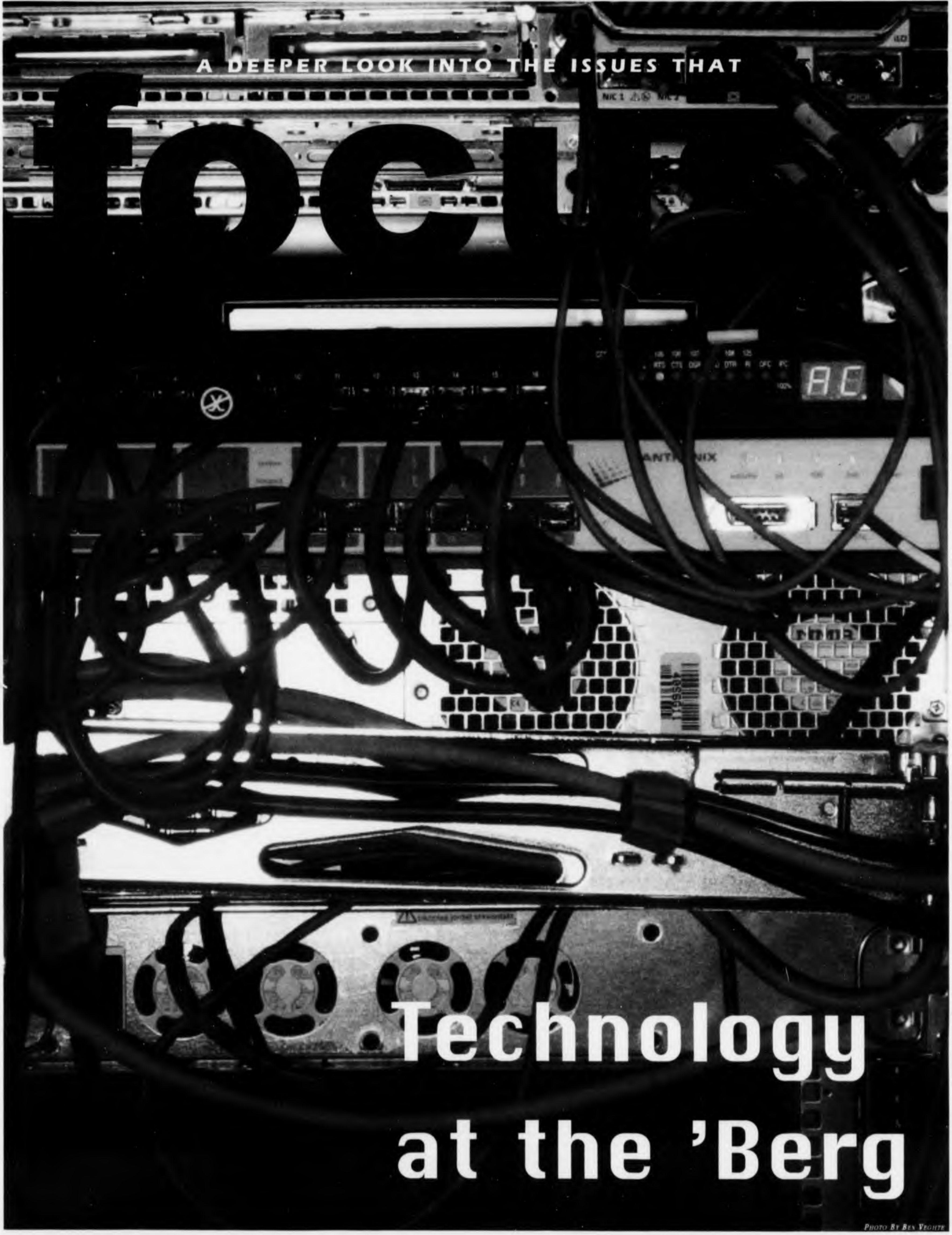
This is the second week in which Hankee has run an ECAC qualifying time in this event. However, Hankee did not limit her performance to that event. She tied for second in the 200m and third in the 55m.

In both races, Hankee was tied with Brittany Gilbert from Ursinus College. In the 200m, Hankee and Gilbert came in at 28.4 seconds, while the leader in the field, Ursinus's Audrey McKenna, was just ahead of them at 27.6 seconds.

SEE **TRACK AND FIELD**
PAGE 13

A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT

focu



Technology at the 'Berg

Photo By Ben Veghte

'Berg Tech - A Glimpse into the Future

By Randy Helm
President of the College

Maybe a technology forecast from a guy who has never owned an iPod, instant-messaged or fondled a "crackberry," even if he is the President of the College, may be semi-uninformed. Nonetheless, here are some predictions about the future of technology at Muhlenberg.

We don't want to be on "The Cutting Edge." Trust me on this; "cutting edge" is risky, expensive and often terribly painful. That's why it's also called "the bleeding edge." Ask anybody who has been a beta site for a new application. It's not fun. It's a better strategy to let others perfect new technology by encountering its flaws and fixing them before we invest our precious resources in something that doesn't quite work yet.

We can make better use of the web. Although Muhlenberg's extensive website is packed with useful information, there is still tremendous untapped potential for academic, administrative and student life applications, as well as much better internal communications. This will take time and resources, and we will have to make careful choices in setting priorities, but it is imperative - and inevitable. As my college-age sons have taught me, the web also has unlimited potential for wasting time. Case in point: I tried "Google-whacking" over the holidays. Very addictive. (My best is "glyptic oscilloscope" - only three hits).

Technology will not replace people (at least at Muhlenberg). Technology may make people more productive, and it may allow us to do things faster, crunch numbers in more ways and revise documents more creatively, but as far as I can see it hasn't resulted in any job reductions, except for the people who used to have jobs making carbon paper. On the other hand, it has raised the bar for all of us who want to keep up. We all have to keep learning, all of the time. It's exhausting, but exhilarating. Thanks to Terry Collings, Instructional Technologist in OIT, I learned how to use Blackboard for my class last semester. Now I don't know how I got along without it!

Microsoft - and the rest of us - had better get our act together. Not many businesses or colleges can afford the alarming increase in vulnerability to viruses, adware and other attacks. They are costly to fight and potentially crippling if we fail to prevent them. We are too dependent on technology to be so much at risk. If Microsoft can't make Windows substantially more secure, Apple and Linux products are going to start looking better and better. But the rest of us have to take some responsibility too if we're going to keep our network and our computers secure.

The real test over the next few years will be to see if our ethics can keep up with our technology. Somebody once told me "what you do is your religion; everything else is just lip service." Technology makes it easy to swipe music, movies, video, text and other forms of artistic and intellectual property. The odds of getting caught run from minimal to inevitable. The penalties range from trivial to soberingly severe. But ethics aren't about what other people will do to you if they find out. They're about how you feel about the person staring back at you in the mirror each day. Technology provides daily opportunities to test your moral mettle.

And in conclusion: I asked my college sophomore son what the big technology challenges of the next decade would be.

His reply: "The threat of homicidal cyborgs. As technology increases, more human-like cyborgs are everywhere, making it harder to tell people apart from the robots that would like to eat your marrow. People are like candy to robots."

Rest assured, in addition to whatever other challenges await us, Muhlenberg will be prepared for the coming human/robot wars.

What you can do with a degree in Computer Science:

Programming
Systems
Applications
Maintenance
Project Managment

Systems Development
Analysis
Design
Support

Network Technology
Engineering
Administration

Learning the CS Trade

By Clifton Kussmaul
Assistant Professor of Computer Science

To quote H. Abelson, G.J. Sussman and J. Sussman, "'computer science' [CS] is not a science; its significance has little to do with computers. The computer revolution is a revolution in the way we think and in the way we express what we think. Mathematics provides a framework for dealing precisely with notions of 'what is.' Computation provides a framework for dealing precisely with notions of 'how to.'" Thus, CS is about manipulating and structuring information.

Nationwide, CS enrollments peaked in the late 90s and then dropped by 40 percent or more. However, starting salaries now average around $50,000 for CS compared to $30,000 for many other liberal arts majors. High growth is predicted in information technology (IT) fields through 2012; CS/IT jobs are four of the five fastest growing areas for bachelor's degrees, and two of the five with the largest projected numerical growth.

Currently, there is concern about IT jobs moving to India and China. Such "offshoring" is done for flexible staffing, specialized skills and reduced costs. An estimated 277,000 IT jobs will move offshore by 2010, and 3.3 million white-collar jobs, including on million IT jobs, will shift by 2015.

I have worked with offshore teams for nearly five years. Several factors affect how easily work can be offshored. Does it require interaction with other people, or can it be done remotely or using technology? Does it require experience and judgment, or is it well-defined and repeatable? Does it create value, or is it a cost that should be managed? It's easier to offshore call centers, software maintenance, accounting or reading medical images than sales, user interface design or product development.

What does this mean for U.S. college students? Companies will need employees and consultants who are flexible, creative, entrepreneurial and eager to lead teams and take charge of projects. They will look for communication, teamwork, project management and international experience. This is good news for liberal arts colleges; students may take fewer specialized courses, but they can combine majors, minors and a variety of courses in other disciplines.

At Muhlenberg, the CS major consists of three math courses, five required CS courses and four CS electives. We are revising the CS curriculum to increase emphasis on analysis, design and communication, and to add a project-based capstone seminar. We recently received grants to support technical entrepreneurship and wireless collaboration.Just as many courses emphasize writing, more courses should emphasize uses of information and technology. Anyone can learn to use word processors, email and Google; what is valuable are the abilities to develop virtual relationships, to collaborate and to organize and synthesize information to produce greater knowledge and understanding.

History of Technology at the College

By Harry Miller
Director of Information Technology

According to Merriam Webster (online version, of course), tech_nol_o_gy is the practical application of knowledge especially in a particular area. Muhlenberg, and the world, has certainly changed as a result of the practical application of knowledge, particularly in the realm of information processing, communication and information access. Where might the practical application of technology take us in the future? Will our lives change fundamentally as a result of future applications?

At times it is helpful to look back at the path you have traveled in order to better understand the direction in which you are heading. Let's take a quick look.

When I arrived at Muhlenberg as a consultant in 1987 (for the non-math majors, that is 18 years ago), less than a dozen dumb terminals were hard-wired from their campus locations all the way back to the mainframe computer in Ettinger basement. The mainframe managed student records and finances. Eight more terminals were located in a computer science lab in the basement of Ettinger (close to the mainframe) and were shared by computer science students for Cobol programming

Word processing was the work of departmental secretaries using typewriters and carbon paper (how many do not know what carbon paper is?) Sending a memo was an arduous task, and expectations for a response were expressed in days or weeks. Soon thereafter, the "Word Center" office opened - and included a single laserjet printer that was the size of a desk and required four workmen to lift. It was shared by the users of the dozen or so campus computer terminals. Imagine being located in Haas and runningto Ettinger for your printouts. Today over 140 College-owned laserjet printers dot the campus and hundreds more reside in student rooms.

The Development Office hand-posted biographical and gift information to donor cards, but the office was not without technology. There was a giant electric-powered wheel, or 'lazy susan' bearing these manual records, arrayed in alphabetical order. Two clerks sat before it and used direction buttons to rotate it, allowing them 'instant access' to alumni records. The Development Office was the first on campus to move from dumb terminals to PCs. Admission was the second.

> *So where are we going? Difficult to say for the long run, but it is important that we make the journey together.*

Students shared a telephone line (and possibly a single answering machine) in each residence hall room (imagine!) Today, the campus telephone system includes over 3,500 lines, and most students carry cellphones.

Searching the library, the card catalog was in the process of being digitized, so most searches involved alphabetized drawers of hand-typed cards. Today, library searches are ubiquitous.

Student ID cards were just that - cards. The cards did not open doors or purchase meals or check out books.

Classroom presentation technology was limited to blackboards and a few overhead transparency projectors. Today, 75 percent of classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art presentation technology.

The first (isolated) local area network and server opened in the computer labs on B and C level of the newly opened Trexler Library in 1988. These labs housed the first public-access PCs on campus. The second (isolated) local area network and server was installed in the Admission Office, located in John Peter Gabriel House in 1989. This Admission LAN supported the first departmental information system on campus.

Today the College has nearly 40 servers. The campus network (data, telephone and campus cable television) extends through 23 city blocks, north to Tilghman Street, east to Albright Avenue, south to the Parkway, and West beyond 26th Street. Over 3,000 computers and printers are attached to that network.

The first fiber optic cabling (6 strands) was installed connecting Haas, Ettinger and Trexler in 1989 for the purpose of extending the reach of computer terminals. Today miles of fiber (1,188 strands) connect us all together at 100 MB speeds.

Campus wide email and Internet access was attained in 1992-93 (for those lucky enough to have a computer on their desk.) Initially, computers were shared within departments, and serious debate raged over whether there would ever come a time that all faculty and staff would require their own computer!

The College, ahead of many, wired all campus residence halls between 1994 and 1995, providing network and Internet access for students who brought computers with them to campus (less than 25 percent of students brought personal computers to campus at that time, compared to 95 percent plus today.)

So, here we are. Wired. Networked. Connected. Empowered. And soon, Untethered!

Indeed, the practical application of knowledge has worked fundamental changes on the campus over those seventeen years, but (and this is most important) we have not allowed it to change who we are.

So, where are we going? Difficult to say for the long run, but it is important that we make the journey together.

Technology: Use with caution

By Kelly Cannon
Reference Librarian

When I started library school in North Carolina in 1994, I could never have predicted how information technology would fill the eight hours of my working day. I now work in a building filled with books, but I use an online catalog to access them. I work with students and faculty, but we communicate most often by email. I often find myself in front of a classroom talking about research skills, but the room is filled with as many PCs as there are students, and we are all staring at a PC screen or at a projection of one.

I use technology mainly for two things: communication and information. I can now communicate with people around the world with ease and economy, and I can retrieve information I would not have had access to a few years ago, but with the convenience comes responsibility. College is a time for students in every major to embrace information technology, but to do so smartly and ethically, to recognize that while communication and information access have been abundantly enhanced, abuses occur in the form of misinformation, identity theft, corporate fraud, copyright infringement and plagiarism.

For instance, technology allows me to easily acquire, manipulate and take credit for work that is not my own. Technology allows me to locate and perpetuate misinformation because I have not made the effort to verify its authenticity. I can copy creative works and distribute them illegally for commercial or other personal gain. I can invade a person's privacy because the technology invites me in.

Here are some questions that can help us be responsible users of information technology: What is the task at hand? Is the technology and information appropriate to the task? Is the use an ethical one? The smarter the technology, the more we are challenged to be smart about its use.

Types of Viruses

Boot Viruses
File Viruses
Macro Viruses
Script Viruses
Worms
Rats
Mast Boot Record Infectors
Multi-Partite Viruses

Across the board:

Technology across the academic spectrum

By Jenna Fletcher '06
Asst. Focus Editor

We see it everywhere: at home, at school, in the dorms, at work and even on the go. We use it everywhere, and it is something that hardly makes us blink anymore. Computers, cell phones, digital cameras, projection screens and televisions have become fast ways of communicating and sharing information on a large scale. Muhlenberg and the outside world are pushing for technology's incorporation into the classroom, which presents a new set of challenges and possibilities for many of the professors at the College.

It has only been in the last fifty or so years that education has begun to embrace the use of new technology in the classroom. The now archaic filmstrips, slide shows, videos and electron microscopes, to name only a few innovations, have only been on the educational scene for the later half of the past century. These aides have allowed teachers to convey messages and lessons to students in ways that a simple lecture might not be able to cover, which allows for the possibility of reaching more students. But with every new push in technology comes new challenges.

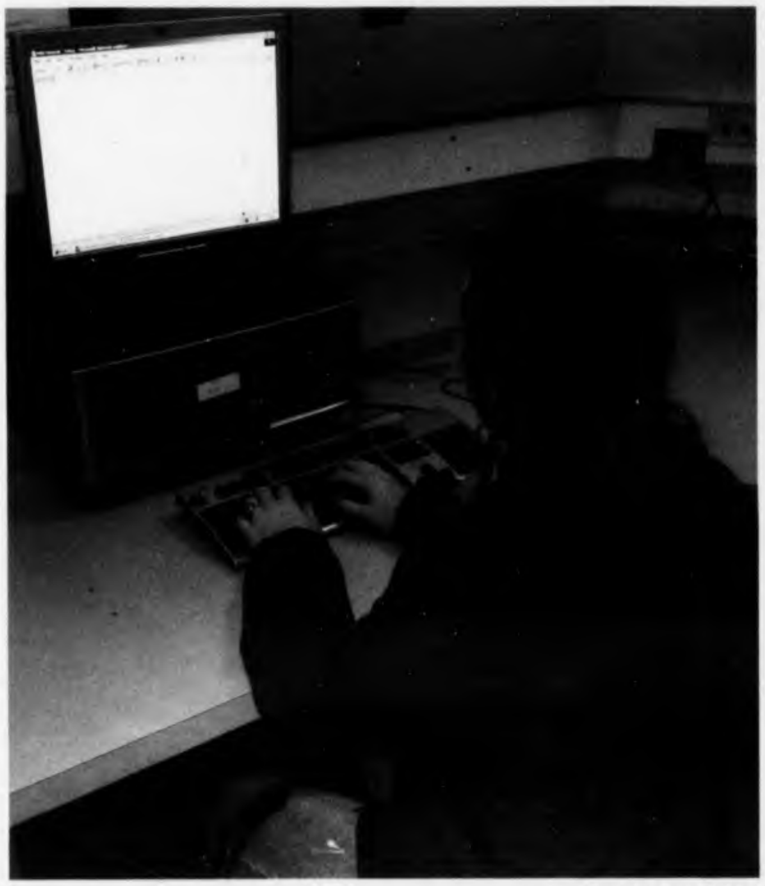


Photo by Ben Veghte

The first challenge every professor faces when confronted with a new technology is the obvious need to learn how to use it themselves so that they can not only manage it, but so they can also teach it to their students if need be.

Of course, once mastered, problems can and do still occur. I am sure everyone has had at least one professor who wanted to show a video in class but he or she could not get the projector/VCR unit to work in the room. Oftentimes these problems are not the fault of the professor trying to use the equipment, but something within the computer itself.

"Digitalization makes for easier use, but it is harder maintenance," Patricia Bradt, Associate Professor of Environmental Science said. She uses technology in her classes everyday, "but I still like to use handouts," she said.

However, the bigger problem of technology is that it might be failing students rather than failing to turn on or function properly. Jadviga da Costa Nunes, Professor of Art, believes that too much technology in the classroom becomes like "spoon feeding" the students information. They do not learn to think independently, and instead she finds that "new technology increases the amount of guidance" a student needs and this results in "students who are too dependent." When students become too dependent upon technology, the College has not done its job in effectively turning its pupils into thinkers rather than slaves to technology.

On the flip side, many professors view technology in a positive light. Something that is becoming more and more popular for professors on campus is Blackboard. It is a tool for professors that allows them to send links to web sites, post homework assignments and even post notes from the class. Donald Shive, Professor of Chemistry, had this to say about Blackboard: "If a student comes in with a question about a homework assignment, I can post the question and offer help through Blackboard."

Another frequently used classroom tool is Power Point. This slide technology, according to John Sullivan, Assistant Professor of Communication, allows him to show images and "it's an easy organizational tool." PowerPoint has come to replace many chalkboards and white boards around campus because of its convenience for both the student and the professor. If a student misses a class, the professor can easily printout a rough copy of the lecture for the day to give to the student as a start to catching up.

Both Blackboard and Power Point are technological advances in the classroom that augment teaching. Sullivan believes that "it should never replace teaching. It should augment teaching." Many professors want to have a clear line between using technology as a crutch and using technology as a great tool for learning.

TOP 10 MOST POPULAR ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEBSITES

1. Yahoo!
2. Microsoft Network (MSN)
3. Google
4. Passport.net
5. Microsoft Corporation
6. EBay
7. Amazon.com
8. AOL Anywhere
9. Fastclick
10. Go

Courtesy of www.alexa.com

Technology Buzzwords

Crackberry: Another name for the Blackberry that refers to its addictive nature and the inability of its users to focus on anything else for more than 10 seconds.

Googlewhack: The result of Googlewhacking, a game invented by search-obsessed fans of Google.com. Object: Type two words into the Google search line with the hope of getting a single search result. If you see "Results 1-1 of 1," you're a winner (and clearly have too much time on your hands).

Walled garden: A restricted area within a Web site where only "members" may go. This is widely used by sites ranging from nytimes.com to porn sites.

Linkrot: The process of web hyperlinks going dead. As the Internet ages, sites die, page URLs change and "Linkrot" sets in. Multiple dead links indicate Linkrot and lots of frustrating "Page not found" error messages.

Courtesy of www.buzzwhack.com

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Renovations to the Underground commence in an effort to update the space and encourage student use.
page 5

Inside

Sherk and Tuttle exhibit in Center for the Arts lacks focus by trying to encompass the majority of 20th Century art.
page 9

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 14 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2005

Communication Lecturer Dr. Schneider dies at age 66

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

Dr. James Schneider, Communication Lecturer, died early Friday morning.

Schneider had been diagnosed with lung cancer at the end of the fall 2004 semester and had contracted pneumonia about one week before his death. He was 66.

Schneider worked at the College from 1987 to 1993 and returned in 1998 to teach until his recent death. He taught several courses in the Communication Department, but his specialty was with film.

He was also active in documentary film work and filming programs on campus, including the Center for Ethics speakers and Theater department programs.

Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College, said, "He was certainly a beloved member of the Communication department. I think he'll leave a big gap in our community."

Schneider graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and wrote his dissertation on documentary films of the 1930s.

Schneider began his career as a Lutheran campus minister. He taught at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point and Milton College before 1987 when he came to the College. Between 1993 and 1998, Schneider taught at Cedar Crest College before returning.

Sue Jansen, Professor of Communication, was both a friend and colleague of Schneider.

She picked Schneider up from the airport when he first arrived from Wisconsin in 1987 and kept in contact with him during his tenure at Cedar Crest College.

The pair wrote an article in the early 1990s about the end of the Cold War.

Jansen said Schneider regularly organized an alternative film society and showed films on campus and in the community. Speakers often accompanied the film series.

His most recent effort was Fired Up Films, which showed political documentaries during the fall 2004 semester. He also helped organize an event as part of the Exploratory Film Series, which will occur in March.

According to Jansen, Schneider enjoyed raising political awareness, asking questions and questioning authority.

She said, "There's a gigantic hole in our department that will never be filled."

A memorial service for Schneider was held Sunday in Moyer Hall. Family, friends, colleagues and students gathered to remember Schneider's life.

At the service, many spoke about how Schneider had touched their lives and shared their memories.

Randy Helm, President of the College, spoke at the service. He said, "Jim Schneider always knew it was important to stand for something. And as long as even one of us remembers that and honors his memory, we will be better people, this earth will be a better place, and he will remain a part of

SEE **SCHNEIDER** | PAGE 7

Dr. James Schneider, Communication Lecturer at the College, passed away on Friday.

Photo provided by Dr. David Tafler

Trend toward cocaine and other drugs goes unnoticed

By Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

"It makes you feel all crazy like, plus it's not bad for you; like, you can't get lung cancer from it," she said.

Cocaine use on campus is not advertised on message boards or addressed by a special Task Force; however, some students at the College live with addiction every day.

While wishing to remain anonymous, one Prosser resident explained why she has used cocaine since her senior year in high school.

"It helps me not be hungry so I can lose weight," she said. "Most people I know that do it are girls 'cause it helps them stay skinny."

Gauging the extensiveness of drug use on campus is not a simple task, and Campus Safety reports alone are only inclusive of cases where students are caught for their actions.

"I only do it once or twice a day, but not even every day... some people do it more," said the first-year student. "Sometimes though, I'd rather just smoke up. It's a much different feeling."

According to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security, there have been no cases of cocaine use reported this year. "All drug cases are primarily marijuana," said Lupole. "Cocaine is not as detectable as other drugs. You can smell marijuana."

Lupole explained that the smell can travel through dormitory halls, whereas cocaine has no detectable odor.

"I've got to believe we have drugs here. But it's not something we've been aware of as a major problem," said Lupole.

While some students are using drugs, others have

SEE **DRUG USE** | PAGE 7

OIT AIMs to fix the problem

By Kelly Love
Weekly News Writer

If you use AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) to keep in touch with friends and family, chances are that you have been repeatedly disconnected from the service over the past few months. You also may have received an e-mail last week from Harry Miller, Director of the Office of Information Technology, concerning this problem.

During the first semester, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) received a number of complaints from students concerning AIM. According to Harry Miller, calls like these are not uncommon, and usually the issues students are having are caused by viruses or spy ware.

This made it difficult for OIT to recognize the widespread problem with AIM, and so it was not until the middle of the fall semester that it became clear that there were valid IM problems.

Miller explained the difficulty of recognizing the AIM problem by stating, "The number of complaints that OIT initially received did not portent a major problem." He went on to explain that OIT was in

SEE **AIM** | PAGE 6

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Executive Editor

Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

Calling on Mum and Dad: The only way to get things done?

IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT CONCERN SURROUNDING THE ATTENDENCE OF underage seniors at 100 Days, those seniors under 21 and their friends will most likely have found themselves happy to hear that all members of the class of 2005 were allowed to attend the event. What is still of concern, however, is how this change in policy came about.

While most of the senior class was greeted with yellow slips of paper describing 100 Days in their campus mail last week, those under 21 also received notice that they would not be able to attend the event due to their age. Up until a day before the event, this policy held true. Becky Grace stated that this rule was due to the establishment that was to hold the event not wanting to lose their liquor license. However, a day before the event, Grace commented that the policy was changed; all members of the class of 2005 would be allowed to attend 100 days.

It cannot be said for sure what caused this change in policy, but, perhaps more than coincidently, a parent of one of the underage students made a call to the College the day the change was made. Until that point, neither Student Council nor the administration had remedied the situation, and it looked as if those under 21 would have to stay home for the night. Interestingly, after one call from a parent, all that changed.

What is most alarming is that at a college that is supposed to be educating adults, the students instead are treated like children. A myriad of other student concerns--the Life Sports Center dress code, Greek issues and meal plans--have been met with conferences and task forces, all talk and no action. One can only imagine what would happen if a few parents were to make phone calls about these problems.

When will the College stop treating students as if they were in elementary school, and why is this so? Perhaps one reason is that parents usually foot the bill--does the College want to "raise" forthright students or more money? And when will the College recognize student wishes and greet them with more than empty promises? Until this happens, students will just have to keep giving Mummy and Daddy a ring.

Letters to the Editor:

Consider the source of your morals

To the Editor,

I was shocked to see an article on masturbation in the last *The Muhlenberg Weekly*. I cannot be the only one appalled at the detailed description of a vagina in the school newspaper. Apparently the school, or at least the paper, is now treating the topic of masturbation openly and honestly. In the spirit of honesty then, I have some comments on the man cited in the article, Alfred Kinsey, who was likely an inspiration for Christina's article about her "relief ritual" in a cranberry teddy. Kinsey, after all, was one of the first to theorize that we should be open about all sexual topics, in the interest of lifting the sexual oppression monkey off our backs leveled on us by traditional morals. He was the originator of all the subsequent research and books mentioned by the author in her article. But how did Kinsey reach these conclusions and others? Who was Alfred Kinsey?

There are serious scientific problems with Kinsey's methodology, detailed in a book written by Edward W. Eichel, Dr. Gordon Muir, and Dr. John Court entitled *"Kinsey, Sex, and Fraud."* Among the many problems is the fact a large portion of his experimental sample were prison inmates convicted of sex offenses. He also used "technically trained" pedophiles to time the orgasms of five month old children. This may explain the author's odd comment that "men have been instructed to play with their genitals practically since potty training," to those of you who are still bewildered.

In his personal life, Kinsey was an exhibitionist, voyeur, masochistic self-mutilator, practiced group sex, and was a bisexual. He also influenced his wife to have sex with his staff and videotaped the acts.

Although free to do these acts in private, these practices call into question his media/movie image as a dispassionate scientist. The real motivation for Kinsey was legitimizing his own aberrent sexual behavior by mendaciously propagating faulty data about the traditional morals he despised. What other possible explanation could there be for passing off sexual offenders as sexually normal experimental subjects?

Perhaps before the school partakes in such openness about masturbation, they should first consider the warped source of their motivation to buck traditional sexual morals, and then question whether it is an appropriate course of action to take in such a public forum. After all, people do read this stuff.

--Ben Long
Class of '03

Tolerance not at the College

To the Editor,

Tonight I have had the opportunity to witness the finer side of human nature. It is somewhat ironic that we go to a liberal arts college that is supposed to be all about preaching tolerance and equality. Apparently though the issue of equality only matters when speaking about skin color and sexuality. Where is the equality of ideas on this campus? I tell you what, if you are a conservative, a republican and God forbid you support President Bush – you are a second-class citizen here.

Lets face it– we go to a liberal arts college. We preach diversity, but we have none on campus. We are supposed to be taught to think for ourselves and be able to take information and use it intelligently. Instead, we walk around campus and see the offices of some professors decorated with political stickers and political cartoons which portray President Bush as a moron. I am a well-known Republican on this campus, I support President Bush, but I also can say that if you ask any of my Democratic friends, including my good buddy Mike Schlossberg (President of the College Democrats) that I am tolerant and understanding of other views.

Some people on the left do not demonstrate such tolerance. For the second time in two weeks my car was the victim of a hate crime. Two weeks ago it was hit by an egg by someone who apparently did not like my Bush/Cheney stickers. However, on Monday night I walked out to my car and saw that someone had written "Cocksucker" on my bumper stickers. As if that was not enough, there was also a swastika there. Now correct me if I am wrong, but neither the word "cocksucker" nor the picture of a "swastika" are the type of things that make you feel the equality and love on this campus that is advertized. Especially when they are written on your car in a blatant act of terrorism.I'll say this– whoever messed with my car, I hope you get caught. Only because that will probably be the only time in your life you will love America. What could make you do such an unthinkable thing? In our country we have a judicial system, you'll probably get a slap on the wrist for your public display of hate. Most other countries, you would be rotting in jail, where quite frankly you should be.

As far as not accepting my ideas, that is fine by me; I have never tried to force them upon you, nor would I. I believe in freedom, I love our country, I love my religion and I hate anyone who tries to stop me from loving them.

--Jason Klein
Class of '05

Struggles with off campus housing and Dean

To the Editor,

Muhlenberg has been an amazing place to me. It has given me opportunities I would have never otherwise gotten, I have made friendships that will last a lifetime, and I have gained knowledge that will guide me to a successful career. Of course I have had the same petty complaints that most Muhlenberg students have: the lack of a social life, the lack of diversity, and a sometimes difficult bureaucracy in the administration. Nonetheless, Muhlenberg has been my home for the past three years, and it has been a pretty darn good one. Last year, as a rising Junior, I was offered the opportunity to live with some of my good friends in an off-campus house. The price was good, the location was great and I would have a single room for the first time in my college career; who would not have wanted to live there?

I applyed and was approved to live off-campus. I signed a lease and moved my things into the room. Toward the end of the summer, and over the beginning of my fall semester, a great

SEE **ROOM** | PAGE 4

Thanks to the bullies, Iraq votes

Jason Klein
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

On Jan. 30th, history was made. The citizens of Iraq headed out to the polls to vote in their first ever national election. Is it possible that some of the greatest thinkers of our generation such as Michael Moore, Matt Damon and Howard "Yee-Ha" Dean were wrong about Iraq? After seeing the people of Iraq vote in greater numbers than people vote here in America, it may be possible that freedom and democracy may actually mean something to the Iraqi people.

> *I always considered a bully to be a bad thing, and imperialism to involve taking over and colonizing.*

Judging by the voter turnout in the Iraq national elections, it appears that the only citizens who did not use their right to vote were those who were too busy attempting to undermine the elections by slaughtering those who cherish their freedom. The two year rush to war in Iraq has reached its climax, democratic elections were successful and the world is a safer place because of it.

Some may argue that Saddam was not a threat and was in no way connected to 9/11. They may say we went to war for oil, that the war had nothing to do with making peace– it had to do with imposing our will on the world. We were big bad imperialistic bullies. Perhaps my vocabulary is a little off, but I always considered a bully to be a bad thing, and imperialism to involve taking over and colonizing. A bully would not risk their life to allow strangers the privilege to vote, and to live in a democratic society. Instead, I consider a bully to be someone who would strap a bomb to his or her chest, or maybe hijack a plane and use it to murder thousands of innocent Americans.

Yes, we did arm Saddam Hussein in the 1990s. At the time, Iran posed a much graver danger, and we needed Saddam Hussein's help to eliminate the threat they posed to the world. That seems to be a major talking point for those who oppose the war: "It's all our fault anyway, we armed Saddam!" I thought that Saddam never had any weapons? I thought that Saddam was just playing hard to get when he did not comply with U.N. sanctions calling for him to allow weapons inspectors full access to all areas or face the use of force. Current college students are too young, and most too naïve), to know anything about the Cuban Missile Crisis. Quick summary: the Soviet Union had transported nuclear missiles to Cuba; Cuba had the ability to launch nuclear weapons at America. These were some of the most fearful and darkest days in American history. It was dubbed the Cuban Missile Crisis. We had proof that there were weapon and they could be used against us.

However, the Cuban Missile Crisis is that it did not have to be a crisis; it could have been avoided completely because we had intelligence reports that suggested the Soviet Union was interested in such a plan. We ignored it until it was too late, thus the "Crisis" part of the title. Saddam did not have nuclear weapons. I will sleep easier at night also knowing that thanks to our brave soldiers, Saddam also has no power and no ability to get these weapons. We will never have to deal with an Iraqi Missile Crisis. On a quick side note, are you aware that we have proof that Saddam was importing weapons from our good friends from the land of the Eiffel Tower?

> *I think that Saddam was just playing hard to get when he did not comply with U.N.*

"In [Secretary of State Colin Powell]'s February 5, 2003, presentation to the United Nations, in which he summarized the intelligence about Iraq's ongoing weapons procurement [he] revealed another reason why Iraq's French-made Mirage fighters posed a threat. During the presentation Powell showed a videotape of an Iraqi F-1 Mirage that had been modified to spray anthrax spores, which gave the Iraqis a means '...to disperse lethal biological agents widely, indiscriminately into the water supply, into the air,' the secretary said," according to Bill Gertz' *Treachery*.

Anyone who has followed the war on Iraq has heard the name Scott Ridder. For those who have not, Scott Ridder was a former U.N. Weapons Inspector who criticized the Bush administration for knowing that there were no WMD's.

What you may not know is that Mr. Ridder disappeared from the public eye after being arrested for soliciting sex from underage girls on the Internet. He was charged with attempted endangerment of a child. His attorneys argued that he did not know the girl was a minor. Quite frankly, this lack of observation makes me seriously doubt the legitimacy of his claims on the lack of weapons in Iraq. Something about his powers of perception just do not sit well with me.Anyone who believes that Iraq was a mistake is entitled to their opinion. However, they must acknowledge that their deepest fears have come true – the elections in Iraq were a tremendous success, and not only has a democracy has been established, but we have also created yet another ally in our war on terror.

Computer labs on campus:

Need to be open 24 hours

Tiffany Kirk
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

It's 2:15 a.m. A student is about to finish a 7-page paper that's due in eight hours. Their computer clicks for a few second and shuts off. It does not turn back on. Panic. The student neither saved their paper to a disk nor sent it to their mailbox. Wouldn't a computer lab open to the entire campus be useful in this situation? Too bad there isn't one available.

Contrary to popular belief, a computer facility is not available 24/7 on the Muhlenberg Campus. Apparently those who believe the misconception have not attempted to open the rear Ettinger entrance after 2 a.m. or pleaded the Campus Safety officer to let you stay. Even if you have and managed to finagle yourself an extra half hour in the building, consider yourself lucky even though your concentration level is put to the test as the clock ticks closer to your inevitability.

Critics could argue to put down your beers and pick up some books or to replace that nap with a good hour of work. After all, students have plenty of time since classes do not take up seven hours of the day anymore, right? However, Student Council, Athletics, musical groups, Greek Life and the many other influential organizations on campus do.

Commitment to one or more of these groups causes work to be pushed until later at night as meetings, practices and rehearsals oftentimes do not end until 11:00 (or later) at night. These obligations are the reasons that access to computers somewhere on this campus should be available at all times.

If students are willing to actively participate in organizations that cause their schoolwork to be pushed until later at night, the school, who encourages student involvement on campus, should accommodate their

SEE **LABS** | PAGE 4

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Executive Editor
Ben Veghte, Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
Kate Arney-Cimino, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
OPEN, Focus Editor
OPEN, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Johnny Canneto, Business Managers
Robin DeCicco, Asst. News Editor
Tiffany Kirk, Asst. OP/ED Editor
Jackie Starner, Sarah Smith, Dan McClung, Asst. Life! Editors
Tara DeMarzo, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Catherine Zell, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Amy Cookson, Copy Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Writer Manager
John Dunphy, Design Consultant
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2005. All rights reserved.

ROOM | FROM PAGE 2

opportunity arose, thanks largely to Muhlenberg's incredible programs that allow students to go abroad and to Washington, D.C. I decided that it would truly add to my college experience to live and work in Washington, D.C. (I am a Political Science major). I secured an internship in Senator Joe Lieberman's office and was ready to go. Unfortunately, I did still have a lease, and I was locked in until June 2005. One of my friends was nice enough to agree to take my spot in my house for the spring semester. I went to discuss this with Aaron Bova in residential services, and he informed me that such a housing change must be made by the dean. The way it was presented, it seemed as if it was simply a formality. So, I informed my friend of this policy, and he sent the required e-mail to the dean, and we awaited a response. After having waited until nearly the last day of the semester, my friend recieved an e-mail informing him that he was denied. As you would imagine, this presented quite a problem for me, about a 2,000 dollar problem. He sent an e-mail back to Dean Ehrenberg and got a short, seemingly automated response: "There is adequate housing for you on-campus."

Well, I thought to myself, we go to a small school for a reason, they care about the students here and when I explain to the Dean the situation, surely he will show the compassion we would all expect from the administration at the 'Berg. Unfortunately, the response to my request was not what I expected. My conversation with the Dean lasted nearly 30 minutes. It began cordially enough, with the dean explaining to me the policy, "if there is space on campus, we do not allow students to move off campus." "Yes," I told him, "but would you please reconsider, 2,000 dollars is a lot of money for my family to pay, and I don't think we can. Would you please be able to make an exception for us?" "No" He then proceeded to explain to me how it is my fault for not planning in advance and how he would not make an exception to the policy for me. The school would take a "major loss in profits" if he were to approve my friend. Somehow this didn't seem to be making sense.

I had come to love Muhlenberg. I had given back to it in many ways, and now I was asking for a small favor, something that our school could easily absorb, but my family could not. His answer remained a steadfast "NO." He didn't care. He did not care about the individual students or our problems. He needed to make sure the school's profits were not hurt.

I realize this has been a relatively long letter, and for that I apologize, but I needed to inform the school community of my situation. It is important for everyone to know that the school may say they care about the students and about the individual, but now, my family is being threatened by a lawsuit because Dean Ehrenberg had to keep up the profits.

Where's the compassion now?

--Scott Overland
Class of '06

LABS | FROM PAGE 3

study needs by opening a computer facility all day, every day.

Instead of working effectively in a computer lab, some students decide to do their work in the comfort of their own room. Unfortunately, the comfort of their room may be a bit too comfortable as a bed can be the ultimate temptation.

Also, most students do not live by themselves and take into account the needs of their roommate(s). Whether a roommate is noisy, requests silence or encourages procrastination, typing on a computer becomes an extremely challenging task. The atmosphere of a computer lab is a much more adequate working environment at night than a student's room especially at night.

Dependability of computers is very high on this campus as most students are online all day, or try to be, which allow viruses to spread quickly and computers to be worn down. In turn, computers do crash. Work is lost. Students are sometimes without a computer for weeks or even months. Some students do not have one at all.

A place needs to be available especially for these situations. Using a computer past two in the morning is almost impossible if it's not your own. Buildings on campus are closed, and friends may be sleeping or using their computers themselves.

Recognize that the only time during the semester that Ettinger is open all night and the Library is open until two begins the Thursday before finals.

We, as students, know we have large amounts of work that precede this dooming time in the context of exams, individual and group projects and longer papers. Sometimes finals week is even our "light week" of the semester. Yet, by opening Ettinger all night during this time poses the question: Why not open it all night all the time?

While Campus Safety officers are doing their job by enforcing the College's rules when closing buildings, why can't these rules change? Because a staff is needed to allow an open library and a cleaning staff works while it's closed, Ettinger's computer lab is the most logical 24-hour facility.

This computer lab does not need a staff as Campus Safety already has a security camera located outside the only open entrance at night and in the computer lab itself. Also, the cleaning staff could easily clean around anyone who may be using the lab or even ask the students to take a short break. Either way, opening Ettinger does not require much effort by the College, while it allows students to have a facility to exhaust their own. Open up Ettinger.

~Write for Op/Ed~

DON'T BE A NERD, BE HEARD!
CONTACT
KATE ARNEY-CIMINO OR TIFFANY KIRK

KATEARNEYCIMINO@HOTMAIL.COM
KIRK2837@MUHLENBERG.EDU

What's your scholarship?

Find your scholarship opportunities at our re-launched Scholarship Channel.

Visit www.muhlenbergweekly.com

powered by: BrokeScholar

Careers in Banking Conference

February 23, 2005
6:30 – 7:30 CEO Panel (Learn the tricks of trade from top CEOs)
7:30 – 8:30 Networking Reception (Food Provided)
Prosser Auditorium, Haupert Union Building – Moravian College

All Majors from all colleges/universities Can and SHOULD Attend

This event is designed to connect undergraduate and graduate students to opportunities and careers in the banking and financial services industry.

Special Raffle for Students: Students that attend the entire event will be entered into a raffle drawing with two grand prize winners receiving a Day with a Bank CEO! Other prizes include a MP3 Player and a $25 Book Store Gift Certificate

Sponsored by Moravian College and the following banks/credit unions:
Lafayette Ambassador Bank
KNBT Keystone Nazareth Bank & Trust
EMBASSY BANK
Sovereign Bank
First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union
WACHOVIA

The Underground receives a new look

By Danielle Marcantuono
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The Martin Luther Underground is currently undergoing a face-lift. Built in the summer of 1994, the Underground was the scene of a weekly coffee house sponsored by the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

However, not long after opening, daily patronage began to dwindle. According to Becky Grace, Director of Student Activities, the doors of a new and improved Underground will soon be open to attract and entertain a large student audience once again.

Grace explained that the plans for renovation were devised from the demand to accommodate a growing interest in student performances.

She said, "I would say that Muhlenberg probably has one of the biggest populations of student performers, both bands and individual artists, when compared to some other colleges. We have so many performers looking for a venue, that places like the Red Door and Seegers Union cannot provide enough space for everyone."

Grace noted that over 50 student performers have already requested a performance space for the current semester.

The renovation plans were drawn up by the Programming Committee, a group formed in order to act as a voice for the Student Body on a number of campus-wide issues.

"This committee really listens to what the students are asking for when it comes to making additions and changes on campus," said Grace. Grace also explained that the invitation to join the committee was open to all of the Student Body and is not sponsored by the Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC).

The committee examined the Underground in the Fall of 2003 and determined that it would serve as valuable programming space that would need some fixing up. "The committee realized that many students didn't like the look of the Underground since it's rather outdated," stated Grace.

Grace also stated that many student performers are apprehensive about using the space because it is often difficult for them to transport necessary equipment there such as amplifiers and microphones, down a flight of stairs after entering. According to Grace, the committee's main concern was "to make the space more accessible to the needs of the performers. We [the programming committee] put in an order for portable technical equipment that could be stored in the Underground.

This way, when students come in to perform all they have to do is take out the equipment and plug it in, and the issue with stairs is eliminated." Grace went on to say that the committee's work led to the discovery of a stage that was folded up and hidden in a back storage area.

New couches, track lighting and bar tables and stools have also been ordered, and the area has received a fresh coat of paint with a white and black color scheme.

Christina Liciaga '05 and Annie Simon '05 are happy to see these changes, but are concerned that the Underground may not be used to its full potential. They are currently petitioning to make sure that the space will be used for a variety of opportunities and will be in operation 24 hours per day.

"We want to have a place where every student can truly feel welcome at any time of the day or night," explained Simon. "We would like to see it become a coffee house made for students and run by students. It should be a place where people can come to perform, study or just relax and hang out."

Grace noted that she has taken the concerns of Liciaga and Simon into consideration but stresses that there are safety issues that form a roadblock to the idea of 24-hour access. "We need to remember that the Underground is a part of the East and ML residential area, and it would be unsafe to have people coming in and out at all hours," said Grace.

The Underground was newly painted, and new furniture has been ordered.

PHOTO BY AMANDA PHILLIPS

Simon stressed the importance of realizing that college students are known to work at late hours. "This would be a place for people to go to when they need to study at 4:00 a.m. This campus needs a place where people can go to at anytime and feel safe and comfortable," explained Simon.

Simon also stated that she and Liciaga would like to see the Underground become more of an artistic space to which each student organization could add its own flavor. "There are no student galleries on campus," said Simon. "There are so many wonderful artists who deserve to have a voice. This could be a place where we could show all types of student artwork and have each student organization donate something to enhance the atmosphere."

No changes other than those recommended by the programming committee have been put into effect, but Liciaga and Simon remain hopeful. They have kept in communication with Grace and hope to receive continuing support from the Student Body.

"I understand what Christina and Annie want to do," said Grace. "But for the time being, at least we have opened up another performance venue for our students."

Corrections

In the Feb. 3 issue of The Weekly the article entitled "Faculty trained to counsel sexual assault victims" identified Adrian Gardner as a faculty member trained to handle victims of sexual assault. Dr. Lanethea Mathews-Gardner, Assistant Professor of Political Science, should have been referenced. The function of SART is to provide resources for students who have been sexually assaulted. The quote from Dr. Jeremy Teissere said the service was for students who "witnessed a sexual assault." To clarify, conversations with SART members are confidential. When a victim reports an assault to a SART member (or any member of the community), a confidential statistical report is made to Campus Safety. This report does not contain any names, dates or incident specifics. Rather, it simply reports that a student has made a report of a sexual assault.

In the Feb. 3 issue of The Weekly the article "Biology professor receives NSF grant: Grant is largest ever awarded to the College" said the College was the only one to have a DNA sequencer. In reality, the College was the only one to receive a DNA sequencer last year from the company, but several schools have them.

Don't be a Fool, Be a MULE!
Muhlenberg Recycles!

Buy a Reusable Coffee Mug at the
the
POWERHOUSE
café

And Receive Coffee Refills for only $1.40 from the Powerhouse Café and Java Joe's, and only $0.90 from GQ!

Seniors under 21 fight for right to attend 100 Days

By Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

As the senior class's enthusiasm grew in excitement during the week for the upcoming 100 Days celebration, a certain segment of the class was left unable to share the excitement of participating.

In all there were seven students who were prohibited from attending the event due to the fact that they were all under 21.

Jessica Krausz '05, one of underage seniors, spoke about the fact that she would not be able to attend the celebration with her fellow classmates. "We are just as much seniors as the 21-year-olds, and there shouldn't be any activities that we can't participate in," said Krausz.

She talked about Student Council and their lack of representation on the matter. She said, "We were under the impression that the Student Council was supposed to represent all of the senior Student Body, not just those who are under the age of 21."

According to Rebecca Grace, Director of Student Activities, the exclusion of the seven seniors who are under the age of 21 from participating in the celebration on Wednesday night should not have come as a surprise to anyone.

The students were not consciously excluded from attending nor were they denied representation by respected members of Student Council.

The exclusion of the seven seniors amounted solely to the fact that those members of the class were not of the legal age to drink.

Grace stated, "The establishment does not permit anyone under 21 when alcohol is being served. This has nothing to do with the College."

"I personally spoke to the establishment for 100 Days, and unless there were personal chaperones along who took full responsibility for the seven students under 21, they [would not permit it]," said Grace. "They cannot take the chance of losing their liquor license."

The news of being denied the opportunity to attend 100 Days was not met with mass approval among the under 21-year-olds. In order to fight the decision some students took it upon themselves to have their parents get involved. Rachel Kleiner '05, one of the seven underage seniors said, "I told my father the situation, and he called the school to complain about it."

In he end, despite a week's worth of anger and rumors concerning the attendance of seven seniors to 100 days, Grace confirmed one day prior to the event that all members of the class would be permitted to attend the event.

Grace stated that after speaking to the establishment once more on the subject, the manager agreed to "allow those students under 21 to attend 100 Days."

Grace did note, however, that there would be certain rules and guidelines pertaining strictly to those in attendance under 21.

"He told me that they will need to wear a different color wristband and will need to meet with management when they arrive," commented Grace.

Grace noted that there would be serious repercussions for any one of the seven seniors caught consuming alcohol.

"If anyone under the age of 21 is caught with alcohol, the authorities will be called, and they will be arrested," she said.

Upon hearing the news from the manager of Crocodile Rock, Grace said that she contacted the seven students to inform them.

"I think they are just happy to be able to spend the evening with their class and are appreciative of the establishment's decision to allow them to attend," said Grace.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	⛅	⛅
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 37 Low: 25	High: 41 Low: 25	High: 41 Low: 31

AIM

FROM PAGE 1

need of some in-depth feedback from students concerning this problem, so they turned to Student Council to ask for help in discovering more about what was wrong with AIM.

Efforts to locate the AIM problem extended outside the College as well. OIT contacted AOL first, to see if the company would help provide assistance for the College. According to Miller, AOL has been unhelpful, citing that since AIM is a free service, AOL is not obligated to help. Without support from them, Miller described pinpointing the AIM problem as "shooting in the dark."

So, OIT contacted other colleges to see if they were having similar problems and to work with them to find possible solutions. USLEC, a telecommunications carrier and the Internet service provider for the College, was also contacted, and they offered assistance to OIT in solving the AIM issue.

Miller explained that by receiving support from other colleges and USLEC, the College hopes to escalate the situation with AOL in order to receive assistance from them.

According to Miller, the College is pressuring AOL for help persistently because no significant changes concerning our internet service or network have been made, and OIT can only surmise that the problems concerning AIM have arisen as a result of unpublicized changes made by AOL.

Once OIT had gathered as much information as they could concerning the problem with AIM, they decided to send out a mass e-mail to the students to inform them of this problem and the steps they are taking to resolve it.

The basic message of the e-mail was that OIT is aware of the problem and is currently working on it, but as of right now, they do not know of a solution.

Miller received a number of replies to his e-mail, the responses ranging from gratitude and support to anger and blame. Andrew Hall '08 described the e-mail as, "informative, but frustrating because it seems as if there's no end in sight to this problem."

While that may seem true to many students at the College, Miller said OIT is working hard to research many possible solutions to this problem. Miller said when the school has an idea of which direction to go, action can be taken as soon as possible.

OFF CAMPUS

HOMES DEMOLISHED DUE TO SINKHOLE

Allentown, Pa – A sinkhole was formed approximately one week ago in the 400 block of N. Church Street in Allentown, creating a gap the size of a truck. City officials have determined that as many as six homes in the 400 block of N. Church Street in Allentown may have to be demolished. The sinkhole has apparently formed beneath the houses' foundations and the street.

Allentown's Historic and Architectural Review Board approved the demolition of the homes, from 435 to 445 N. Church, which are located in the city's Old Fairgrounds historic district. According to the Review board, four of the homes — 435, 437, 439 and 441 N. Church — will definitely have to come down.

The remaining houses may need to be demolished as well because they share the same wood frame construction as one of the other houses that needs to be demolished. Demolition will wait until later in the week on orders from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

The homeowners believe a water main break caused the sinkhole.

MEN KILLED IN SNOWMOBILE CRASH

Emmaus, Pa – A college student from Emmaus and another student were killed early Sunday when their snowmobile hit a rock along a lake in upstate New York.

According to New York state police, Joshua L. Rau, 20, and Kristine B. Guest, 20, of West Hartford, Conn., were killed on impact. Rau, of 610 E. Berger St., Emmaus, was a sophomore at Paul Smith's College, where he was majoring in Natural Resources in the baccalaureate program.

Rau had borrowed a snowmobile and went riding along the frozen Lower St. Regis Lake around 4:45 a.m. Sunday. The lake is set on 14,000 acres in the Adirondack Mountains.

A student discovered the accident and called 911.

Police said the snowmobile, which Rau was driving, hit a rock outcropping, throwing off Rau and the other student.

Autopsies were completed Monday at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake, N.Y., and an official report on the cause of death should be released shortly.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

DRUG USE | FROM PAGE 1

expressed concern for their classmates.

According to Devon Allen, Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance, "I've been approached twice by two different students at two different times out of concerns that students had for their fellow students."

Both concerned students came to Allen this semester. "These were both students who were fairly balanced and not inflammatory at all," she said.

Allen suggested that the students approach their classmates with honesty about their concern.

"My advice [was]...to tell the truth in an honest way without trying to judge and to speak from your heart," said Allen.

She also emphasized discretion as very important in matters of drug abuse and that she received no names from the concerned students.

"As a professor, I did speak with my Head [Charles Richter, Head of the Theatre and Dance Department] about it," Allen said. "I said no names. I think discretion is important."

Allen also explained that it is difficult to determine the amount of drug use on campus. "It's hard to get a handle on how extensive it is," she said.

> *"Heroine is big right now. There s a lot of heroine coming in from Trenton."*
>
> Anita Kelly,
> Director of Counseling Services

While two students reported concern to Allen, it cannot be determined whether these cases are isolated incidences or indicative of a larger problem on campus.

At the Counseling Center, several students utilize services for drug counseling. According to Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services, approximately 40 percent of the Student Body visits the Counseling Center, and approximately 10 percent of those students visit for drug dependency or abuse.

"Cocaine is one of the more widely used drugs on campus. Of course alcohol and marijuana get top billing," said Kelly. "Heroine is big right now. There's a lot of heroine coming in from Trenton."

Kelly explained that the heroine on campus is 70 percent pure and can be snorted instead of injected. While this leads to fewer impurities, it is more lethal because of its potency.

While Kelly has noted no increase in cocaine use on campus, she believes heroine use is increasing.

"I don't think there's an increase [in cocaine use]. It's always been there, but I think there's an increase in heroine use," Kelly said.

Because Kelly is a Board Certified Addiction Counselor, she meets personally with the students who come for drug abuse or addiction.

The students who visit the Counseling Center are a mixture of those who were arrested and required by the judicial system to attend sessions and those who willingly come on their own accord.

"Usually there's some factor or incidence that pushes someone to seek help, a negative occurrence in their life," explained Kelly.

She works with the students through talk therapy, though some students may need to leave the College for more extensive treatment.

While there has been no formal response to the student concerns that have informally been expressed to professors, there are prevention programs for incoming freshman hosted by the Counseling Center.

Kelly also cited the Alcohol Education in Fitness and Wellness, a college course requirement and CHOICE week prevention programming.

SCHNEIDER

FROM PAGE 1

this campus."

In addition to the spoken accounts, the Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern (LEPOCO) Peace Singers sang at the service.

Schneider was active in the LEPOCO Peace Center in Bethlehem.

His most recent project was a video for LEPOCO about protests to the war in Iraq. The rough edit of his video was shown at the memorial service.

> *"There is a gigantic hole in our department that will never be filled."*
>
> Dr. Sue Jansen,
> Professor of Communication

Jansen said, "I would say he was the social conscience of the department. No, he is the social conscience of the department. I think he will remain with us."

Jansen believes his social conscience came from his start as a campus minister because it gave him a sense of justice and right and wrong.

She also said he had a "Midwestern sensibility" and his politics came out of the Wisconsin tradition.

The Communication Department is creating a website memorial to honor Schneider. Jansen said people, including students and alumni, will be able to record their memories. Currently, the site contains pictures of Schneider.

Although the Communication Department is in the process of hiring a new faculty member, a replacement for Schneider will not be chosen from this pool of applicants.

The Department will be looking for someone with the same type of film knowledge Schneider had, but no definite search plans have been made yet.

Jansen said, "All of us feel that he couldn't be replaced at this moment." She said a replacement probably will not be found until at least next year.

According to Jansen, James Brancato, a Communication professor and former colleague of Schneider's at Cedar Crest College, will be taking one of Schneider's classes and Dr. David Tafler, Associate Professor and Head of the Communication Department, will be covering the others.

Jansen said she was pleasantly surprised by the turnout for the memorial service.

She said the amount of people showed that "he was deeply respected and cherished by many people."

A number of people told Jansen about little acts of kindness Schneider had performed that she never knew about. She said, "I think we'll all miss that sly little smile."

Seniors! Juniors! Prospective Interns!
Tired of seeing job announcements requiring years of experience?
Interview with employers seeking NEW COLLEGE GRADUATES!
Reach 100 Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania employers under one roof!

LEHIGH VALLEY
COLLEGIATE
CAREER EXPO

Wednesday, March 2, 2005
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The Holiday Inn, Fogelsville, PA (Junction Route 100 & 22/I-78)

Sponsored by Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC),
Albright College, Alvernia College,
Cedar Crest College, DeSales University, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania,
Lehigh Carbon Community College, Lehigh University, Lehigh Valley College,
Moravian College, Muhlenberg College, Northampton Community College,
PSU-Berks-Lehigh & Reading Area Community College

This is a FREE EVENT, one copy of your resume required at the door
Professional interview attire is required
Bring 30-50 copies of your resume
Come prepared to be interviewed

Log on to www.lvcce.org for more info
Contact the Career Planning Office for resume/interview advice

Series on technology and ethics begins

By Aaron Solomon
ONLINE EDITOR

The Center for Ethics began its new series entitled "Ethics in the Information Age." On Monday night, the College hosted the first speaker of the series Dr. Langdon Winner. He gave a lecture entitled "Will New Technology Revitalize Democracy."

Winner is a professor of political science in the Department of Science and Technology Studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is also co-director of the Center for Cultural Design.

In his lecture, Winner suggested that the influence of technology upon democracy has followed a common theme throughout the 19th and 20th centuries.

"New technologies were always supposed to have a revitalizing effect upon democracy," Winner said.

He cited the building of the Erie Canal, the invention of the telegraph and the telephone as well as the spread of the railroad as innovations which were supposed to provide the people with greater access to power.

Radio, according to Winner, through its ability to give the public direct access to information, was hailed at its introduction as a great democratic innovation.

However, Winner emphasized the point that while new innovations were believed to have a positive effect on democracy, people also believed that those positive effects would automatically occur. The sad fact of American history was that new innovations did not automatically affect democracy in a positive way.

> *"New technologies were always supposed to have a revitalizing effect upon democracy."*
>
> Langdon Winner,
> Guest Lecturer

A case in point, he noted, is the automobile. While mass production gave access to the automobile to the majority of working America, the introduction of the automobile also spawned the invention of the super highway and the suburb.

The result was the fleeing of white Americans from integrated urban communities into the de facto segregation of the suburbs, an event which he said had an extremely negative effect on American democracy.

"The recurrence of these problems has not quelled the dream of democratic renewal," Winner said. He cited the introduction of the Internet as a more recent example of this continuing problem.

According to Winner, when Internet technology moved from the military to the general public, many predicted that the Internet would serve as a forum for public debate which would challenge the government and therefore, revitalize democracy.

"The Internet now serves as a means of mobilizing political interest," Winner stated. He agrees, however, that the Internet has made it easier for political campaigns to attract volunteers and solicit funds.

Additionally, the Internet made it cheaper and easier to run a political campaign. Yet, while the Internet was used heavily in the 2004 election, it did not have a positive effect on citizenship.

He concluded that the claim that the Internet had revitalized democracy did not hold weight in the "broader spectrum of citizenship." He did suggest that there were ways to break the historical pattern.

The answer, he stated, is to "bring democratic participation into the making and shaping of new technologies."

Winner said that people need to be involved in the development process of new technology in order to make sure that that technology helps the public good.

In Winner's opinion, nanotechnology is "the next thing that will change everything." It will have applications in the fields of industry, medicine and technology.

He noted that in Bush's nanotechnology development bill there were several provisions which called for direct public involvement in the development of nanotechnology, through the use of panels and focus groups.

This, according to Winner would be a remarkable departure if it worked. "If it goes right this time, it will help for the future," Winner said.

Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 31 – Suspicious Activity – Campus Safety identified and gave a letter of trespass to an individual in the Trexler Library.

Feb. 1 – Harassment By Communication – A student in Prosser Hall reported a credit card company was calling and asking for personal information. Campus Safety is trying to verify if the company is legitimate and advises that students do not give out personal information over the phone.

Feb. 1 – Harassment By Communication – A student in Prosser Hall reported receiving a phone call from the above credit card company asking for her Social Security number and other personal information.

Feb. 2 – Disorderly Conduct – Three female non-students reported that a male student was harassing them. APD was called, and the student was referred to the judicial process.

Feb. 2 – Injured Student – A student who suffered a shoulder injury in the Life Sports Center was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Feb. 3 – Harassment By Communication – A student in Walz Hall reported harassing calls from the above credit card company.

Feb. 3 – Suspicious Person – A young woman was found asking students for money and food in Seegers Union. Campus Safety contacted her parents to pick her up.

Feb. 3 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A milkshake was thrown down the windshield of a student's car on the front drive.

Feb. 3 – Injured Student – A student slipped on ice and sustained an arm injury at the 2100 block of Gordon St. The student refused medical transport and was advised to visit the Health Center the following day.

Feb. 4 – Injured Student – A student in Martin Luther Hall was cutting an orange and cut his right pinky. He was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Feb. 4 – Harassment By Communication – A student in Martin Luther Hall reported receiving phone calls from a company asking for personal information.

Feb. 5 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Michael Bluhm '07 of East Hall was arrested at Ye Olde Muhlenberg Tavern with a fake ID. He was also referred to the judicial process.

Feb. 5 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Eight students were cited for underage possession and consumption of alcohol at the Maingate and referred to the judicial process. They are: Michael Joseph '07, Kyle Kober '08, Michael Ivan '08, Brittany Ober '07, Madeline Rhodes '07, Maxmillian Stevens '08, Thomas Del Guercio '08 and Matthew Bastar '08.

Feb. 6 – Intoxicated Person – A visitor, Jason Goldman-Petri, was charged with underage possession and consumption of alcohol.

Spring Break!!

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on March 4, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on March 13, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.! There will be *no* access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:
- Academic responsibility (ie: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay there is a $25.00 per day charge.

A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by **every** student who stays. Forms are available online at www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv by February 22, 2005. You will be notified by 2/25/05. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

WEEKLY life!

> **"Life is like a hot bath. It feels good while you're in it, but the longer you stay in, the more wrinkled you get."**
>
> **-Robbert Oustin**

Sherk and Tuttle exhibit in Martin Gallery:

Muhlenberg given a lesson in 20th century visual art

By Dan McClung
Asst. Life! Editor

Muhlenberg's Martin Art Gallery has hosted a variety of artistic works this year, with "Representing Disease" and "Birds of Armenia" occupying the space last semester. Re-opened after break on January 26, the small enclave to the left of the entrance to the Baker Center for the Arts now hosts a diverse amalgam of fifty-nine paintings, sketches, and sculptures by Scott Sherk, Professor of Art, and Kevin Tuttle, Professor of Art.

The exhibit itself is organized in an interesting fashion: terracotta sculptures and Scott Sherk's technical contraptions of plexiglass and monofilament stand on raised surfaces in the center of the room while sketches and various metallic sculptures adorn the walls.

With a predominately feminine theme, the juxtaposition of the technical and the metallic with the corporeal and sexual presents an unusual clash that seems like something out of Andre Masson's "Mantis" paintings from the surrealist/modernist era. The pieces also seem to jump between artistic epochs with Sherk's post-modern minimalist steel sculptures, Tuttle's modernistic canvas painting *Exsanguination* and the more traditional and subtle nude sketches.

The terracotta pieces are somewhat like three-dimensional representations of impressionist painting, which seem to be constructed out of circular bits of clay that have been fashioned together to give a rough, potholed surface to the predominately female figures, most of which are seated. The intention of the artist in this technique could be one of many possibilities. He could perhaps be attempting to act with a characteristically modernist aesthetic by attempting to draw attention to the input of the artist, or he could simply be alluding to the complex simplicity of the external human body.

Regardless of the intent, the lack of distinct features is an interesting, tried-and-true method of presenting human figures that comes across as both aesthetically simple and complex, characteristic of a large body of postmodern work. The sketches are similar in that they are likewise predominately seated female nudes and the bodily features are only lightly detailed with some portions of the body more clearly presented than others. Joints such as the knees and areas such as the belly are presented more clearly on various pieces, with the mouths and facial features almost entirely invisible.

A Muhlenberg student studies an abstract quasi-surrealist piece at the Sherk and Tuttle exhibit in the Martin Art Gallery.

Photo by Dan McClung

Sherk's steelwork consists of square nail-rod manipulated into sharp angles that meander up the wall from the floor. The plain black steel is unpolished, and looks as if it was gathered from the rejectamenta of a blacksmith shop. These pieces are some of the more striking in the exhibit, primarily on account of their well-executed minimalism. His original constructions of boxed monofilament are the most unusual in the bunch. Boxed monofilament strands are weaved in such a way that they present the illusion of contorted three-dimensional plains. Visually stimulating and technically articulate, these works are pleasant to behold despite their simple, angular presentation.

One of the strangest elements of the exhibit was the sole canvas painting hanging on the rear wall. A texture-motivated abstract work of primarily dark strokes of color; it is

SEE **ART**|PAGE 11

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU COULD BE ANY PIECE OF FRUIT WHICH ONE WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?

"Ice berry because it's rare, exotic and only found in the G-room."

-Frank Pepe '05

"A plum, because it's dark like my soul."

-Corinna Ortiz '08

"The tomato, because everyone thinks we're both vegetables."

-Jonathan Victor '05

"Pineapple, because I'm firm and well-built."

-Ryan Kavalsky '05

"A grapefruit because I'm sweet, but tangy."

-Amy Colagouri '06

Last Comic Standing's Dat Phan: The man behind the myth

By Rick Cohen
Weekly Life! Writer

For anyone who missed Dat Phan, winner of Last Comic Standing and Comedy Central's Viewer's Choice 24th place winner, performing in Moyer last Friday, you missed a great show. At least, that's what I thought.

I heard a lot of complaints from my friends: he wasn't that funny, his material was stolen from other great acts like Dane Cook (Comedy Central's Viewer's Choice first place winner), or he ripped on his mother a bit too long. Whatever the case may be, I enjoyed the show.

As I sat down with Dat after his performance after waiting over an hour for him to sign autographs (he made sure to spend time with everybody who wanted to talk to him), I realized that I had gotten myself into a bit more than I had bargained for.

Since he is a comic, I expected him to tell me a few jokes or to tell me how his fame scored him hot dates.

Instead, he started off the interview by telling me how lonely he is, how he longs for companionship, camaraderie. He spends time talking to people because he believes in a principal called "energy exchange" where the ratio of talking and listening to people has to be one-to-one for good harmony. "It's a maddening lifestyle. It's very lonely." He held out his hands and said, "Listen to this." We listened to the silence. "That's the rest of my life," he said.

Dat Phan entertains the audience with his comedic rants.

Photo by Rick Cohen

Dat hesitated a second and started: "This is the real me. Offstage, I'm really quiet. There's absolutely no reason I should make you laugh right now. Do you know how annoying that would get to people if I was trying to be funny all the time?"

Dat is a comedian. It's what he does. It's his business. Off the stage, he is somber, intelligent and thoughtful. He talked about CNN. He brought up the Tsunami victims. He refers to his childhood of sleeping on bus terminal benches, not for sympathy, but to reaffirm to himself how lucky he is. He appreciates the little things in life.

Above all, he is not funny off the stage. I mean, he is when he tries to be, but there is no cracking of jokes, no long stories with amazing and nearly unbelievable, hilarious endings or punch lines.

Dat's favorite moment performing was when he caused homeless people he was entertaining to jump out of their chairs crying and to fall on the floor because they were laughing so hard.

He made these homeless people enjoy themselves. This was one of the gigs that Dat did for free, and he loved it.

Dat realized that he wanted to be a comic after he broke up with his girlfriend in an attempt to get out of a depression.

"I went through a breakup with my girlfriend when I was 20, and I fell into a depression for about two to three months where I was just sitting in my room and listening to Chicago. I wanted to go out and face the world. I wanted to solve one of my three problems with fear, which is public speaking. The other two are singing and dancing," he said.

What's next for Dat? He has dreams of becoming an art teacher.

The Male Mating Call: *Does size matter?*

By Christina Liciaga
Weekly Life! Columnist

IN THE
NUDE

In honor of men who endured last week's woman focused column, this week is a tribute to male genitalia. Societal obsession with men's penis size has been ever apparent: both in the grand scheme of things, as well as in smaller intricacies. In fact, we've developed congratulatory phrases, "it's all tank, no sink" as well as comforting slogans, "it's not the size of the ship, it's the motion of the ocean," to help negotiate the relation of male genitalia to sex.

Amidst the many comments that exist about the size of male genitalia is a remark I received by a male sophomore concerning last week's column: "you've got bigger balls than me." The statement was meant to spawn sentiments of courage and bravery; it was a tribute. Although this has become a colloquial phrase, I had never given it much thought, i.e. why does "bigger balls" mean? Better? Stronger? More potent?

According to an article in the *Chicago Chronicle* published this past fall, larger testes enabled males to produce more sperm and remain sexually competitive in a polyandrous species--the mating of one female with more than one male. So in effect, "bigger balls" are only considered "better" when females are promiscuous (in its most basic definition), as well as selective.

The article also pointed to a study led by Bruce Lahn, published in *Nature Genetics* in December 2004, which established that "a protein controlling semen viscosity evolves more rapidly in primate species with promiscuous females than in monogamous species." This molecular sexual competition answers my question of potency. According to the study, in extreme cases, the semen is so viscous that it creates a "molecular chastity belt" in the vagina, preventing both semen backflow and the fertilization by subsequent suitors. It seems that despite our social efforts to revoke men's claim on women, genetically, it's still possible--in extreme cases.

In more normative experiences, men are consistently fighting for the attention and affections of women, so that "bigger balls" is a sort of mating call. This is increasingly evident in our sporting events. In the Superbowl on Sunday, New England and Philadelphia players were suited in shoulder pads, jerseys and tight spandex pants covering custom-made cups. The exaggeration of the genital area is an apparent sexual apprehension, evident not only in football, but in baseball, wrestling, swimming and the early days of basketball and soccer.

This connection of sports and competition as a masculine desire for sexual competition--a review of whom has the bigger genitals and thus whom can have the better sex (pun intended)--is also wrought with homoeroticism. In a satirical rant

SEE **SEX** | PAGE 12

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Are We There Yet?
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sun.1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Pooh's Heffalump Movie
Fri. 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Sun. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

Hitch
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Meet the Fockers
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
Sun. 4:30, 7:30

Boogeyman
Fri. 4:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 4:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 8:00

The Wedding Date
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Hide and Seek
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Million Dollar Baby
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Super Bowl + wings = *tasty combination*

By Sarah Smith
Asst. Life! Editor

It started out as a promising morning as students entered the crowded Garden Room to get the weekend brunch complete with waffles and a side of eggs. Scattered throughout the room were emerald green football jerseys with names like McNabb written across the backs. Many others just sported the green color, still showing their undying Eagles spirit. It was Super Bowl Sunday, February 6, 2005, and for many Pennsylvanians and students of the College, a day that would always be remembered.

Across campus student celebrations of Super Bowl Sunday are widely varied. David Yaron '08 said that he was at the Hillel house until the last quarter. He stated that he "went over to a friend's room in Brown for the last quarter. We ordered pizza and Buffalo wings and were watching it in her room, the four of us." Togetherness and spirit were provided by the close knit environment.

Camaraderie seems to grow during a nationwide event like the Bowl. Pizza and Buffalo wings seem to be the chow of choice, even having two different options for wings: spicy or barbecue sauce. There are the standards: chips and salsa, Seven- Up, Coke and beer. But sometimes there are random additions that seem to add a bit of quirkiness. This year rice cakes, brownies and pasta salads have all made their debut into the Superbowling society. And hopefully, they won't be making another appearence at next year's Bowl.

The Red Door annually opens its doors for the Super Bowl, and each year the turn out seems to get smaller and smaller. This year, the Red Door was basically empty, and one student commented that it was "kind of sad." Students seem to be finding outlets other than school-offered ones to be holding their social events. Seniors could be found at the local sports bars or in Philadelphia, drinking their beers and exclaiming profanity at the rival teams. Other students were in their rooms, wandering the hallways, at Greek houses or G.Q.

Some people watched the game, others did not. Michael Carr '07 said, "I kind of stayed in my room and didn't really catch it." And although there is a large, possibly overwhelming population of Eagles fans here, there is a small percentage of Patriot followers as well. A few hats and t-shirts were spotted that day, and Steven Saba '08 proclaimed the notion of all New Englanders that the "Eagles suck."

Adam Koppeser '08 stayed mostly in the dorm and got to witness the intensity that some of these fans have. He said, "We had one die hard Eagles fan on our floor that ran around and screamed the Eagles fight song every time they got a touchdown. When they lost, he threw a tantrum in the lounge, literally throwing items across the room." Obviously this is an extreme case of Eagles obsession. And hopefully, most of the civilized students here on campus did not display their disappointment in such a fashion.

Overall, students of the College celebrate the Super Bowl in a number of fashions. From being a gung ho Eagles maniac to a laid back underdog fan, one thing is for certain. Hardly anyone was at the library. Almost everyone was glued to a T.V. screen.

Whether you are a sportsaholic or not, Super Bowl Sunday has a different meaning for everyone. Often times, the Super Bowl isn't even about the game. It's about the immense amount of food and drink you consume and then feel sick afterwards. Super Bowl Sunday in essence, is all about the experience, not who wins or loses.

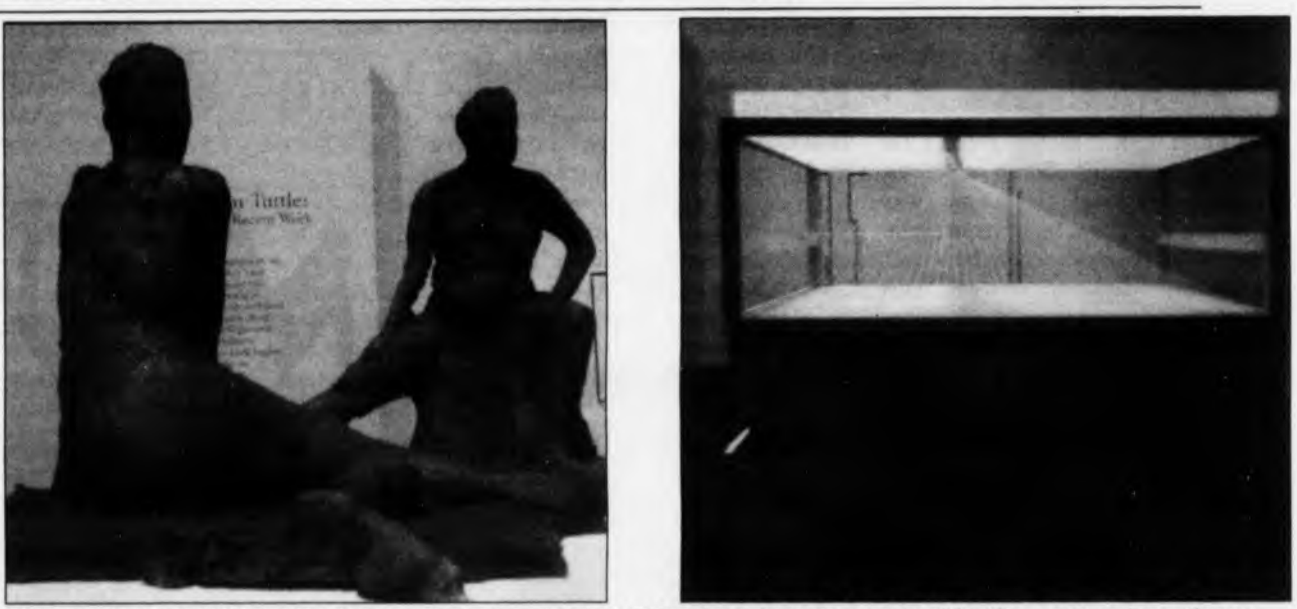
ART | FROM PAGE 9

an attractive abstract work. However, since there are no other pieces of its nature present, it neither compliments nor is complimented by the other pieces in the exhibit.

Also a bit odd is the emulation of just about every twentieth century artistic movement in this group of works completed over the last decade. The placement of such jarringly different forms of expression is interesting, but there doesn't seem to be anything tying these works together. Though the sexual and the technical can work in conjuction to a certain degee, there's still that large abstract painting on the wall that has no connection to anything else.

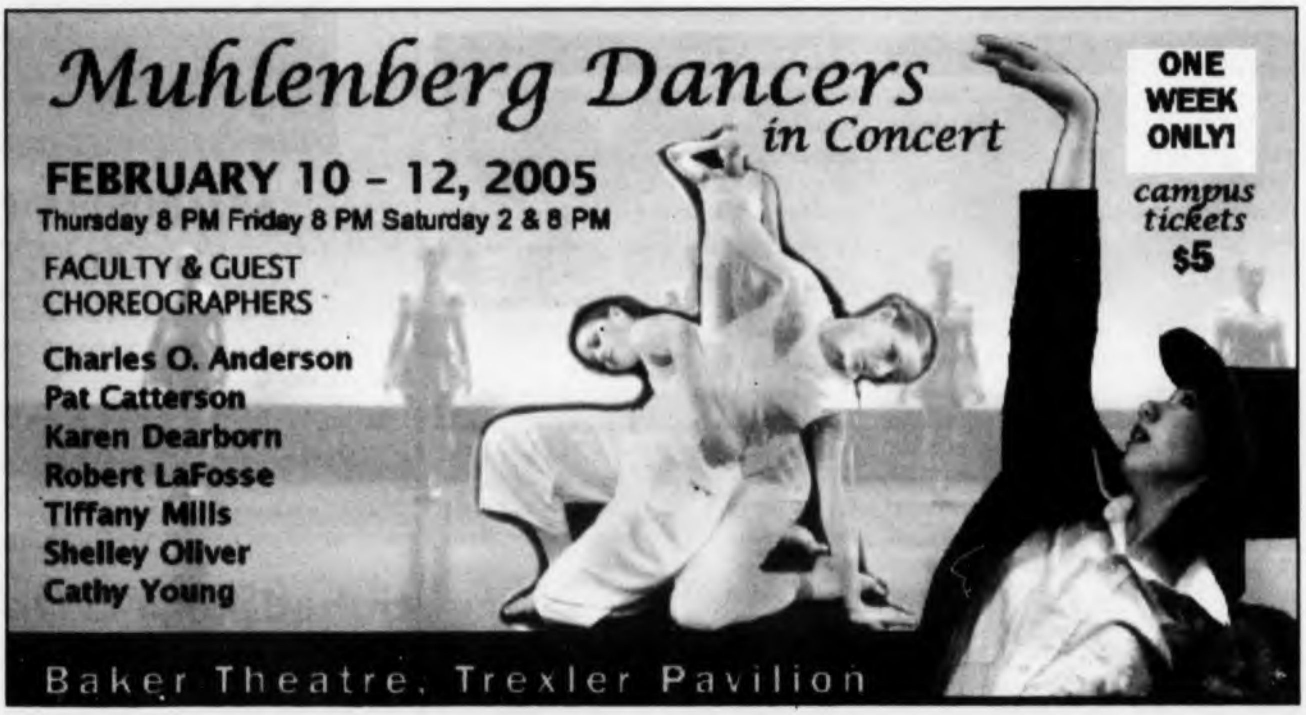
Ultimately, taking in the exhibit feels like taking in a Phish concert: you can hear some other 70s prog rock band with every musical progression they do. It's very derivative. It almost feels like a wax museum in terms of its insistence upon employing specific traits of artistic movements, so there really isn't any new ground covered here. Sherk's metallic structures stand out; however, they feel out of place amidst everything else.

The work featured in this exhibit was interesting on a few levels, and it is evident that the artists do have quite a bit of talent. Yet because this grouping lacks any real focus or at least originality in terms of its presentation, it just feels messy and uncoordinated. Nothing grounds the work, and so the art doesn't end up doing what it's supposed to do: communicate and express. Ultimately, it just doesn't seem that there is anything really being said.



Clay scuptures mimicking the human form stand only meters away from the more objective postmodern pieces that are constructed using plexiglass and monofilament strands.

Photos by Dan McClung



Muhlenberg Dancers
in Concert

FEBRUARY 10 - 12, 2005
Thursday 8 PM Friday 8 PM Saturday 2 & 8 PM

FACULTY & GUEST CHOREOGRAPHERS

Charles O. Anderson
Pat Catterson
Karen Dearborn
Robert LaFosse
Tiffany Mills
Shelley Oliver
Cathy Young

ONE WEEK ONLY!

campus tickets
$5

Baker Theatre, Trexler Pavilion

horoscopes

By Pvt. Melissa Rutledge and the writers of *Serendipity*

Aries

"That's a horrific fake! At least my knockoff says 'Prada.' Yours says 'Prado!'"

Ladies, ladies, ladies, I know as the days count down to the infamous Valentine's Day, you yearn more then ever for a hand to hold and a shoulder to lean on. But please, don't settle for just anyone--or anything. Wait for that someone who deserves you!

Taurus

"Well, the problem is you can't fight off an army of blood-thirsty Vikings with a shenai, it's illogical."

Oo, aren't you the hot commodity this month. Men with their beastly hormones will be flocking to you like women to a sale. Choose a few, and let the others loose. It's not fair to the rest of women out there still looking for some love.

Gemini

"Do you think good ol' fate is going to deliver my information to your doorstep?"

Been looking at a certain person for quite some time? Make a move. Perhaps they feel the same way about you but can't read your flirtations. Be bold, brave and take a risk. You may be rejected, but at least you tried and can now find something else to obsess about.

Cancer

"Well, if we're meant to meet again, we'll meet again."

Don't go second-guessing a decision you made. As with multiple-choice tests, your first response is usually the most dependable. Sometimes. Well, not really. But, if you're still having major doubts, seek a friend's advice. Sometimes an outside perspective makes all the difference with this type of thing.

Leo

"I hate to break up a good thing, but we have half a dozen strippers waiting for us, we're late."

People can be so stupid at times. Don't go out looking for something that you think will be bigger and better. If you compare fantasy with reality, fantasy will always look better. But reality has so much more bite and intensity. Appreciate it.

Virgo

"When did you get so unimaginably romantic?"

Although that person you end up with may not be that skinny, blond and beautiful someone you were looking for, appreciate the gesture. Know that you have someone who cares for you maybe in more ways than one. Perhaps their action will make you view them differently.

Libra

"If you're not going to purchase anything, please make room for paying customers."

So you're flat broke right now and you need to buy something really special for your sweetie on Valentine's Day. Do you still have any books from last semester? Do you have useless trinkets lying around? Someone will pay good money for those on Ebay.

Scorpio

"That's a sign. Fate's telling us to back-off."

Okay, so you're really into this omniscient power controlling the universe crap, which is probably why you're reading your horoscope right now. Let me give you some advice: you are in control of your life. If you really feel like you should be with someone, then go for it. Take a chance already.

Sagittarius

"You know who plays golf? Guys who are too fat to play tennis."

Your New Year's resolution was to lose those love handles but you have already flaked. Too much work, too tired or you really just need to relax. Well, those excuses might be quelling your conscience for now, but remember that you're going to have to squeeze into a bathing suit in just a few months.

Capricorn

"Contrary to popular New York myth *The Times* is not omniscient."

Your habit of looking up at the ceiling every time someone tells you that the Virgin Mary's image has appeared is getting annoying. Plus, you can get a stiff neck looking up at the ceiling all the time. Try not to judge a book by its cover because a lot of times you're being lied to.

Aquarius

"How does Bora Bora sound?"

How *does* Bora Bora sound? Pretty wonderful, right? If you're one of those little rich kids lucky enough to travel somewhere exotic over spring break, well good for you. But for you average Joes I'm sorry to inform you that there are still eleven weeks left in the semester. Tough break, but you'll survive.

Pisces

It was a movie poster. It's no big deal."

A movie poster can communicate meaningful life lessons as well as advice on love. Pay attention to those movie posters because they're telling you more than you think. In fact, your entire psyche is actually composed of information gleaned from movie posters. Scary, huh?

SEX | FROM PAGE 11

on sport's homophobia, Ant, a comedian and guest columnist to ESPN.com suggested football was the creation of a gay man's genius:

"Hey Bob, let's create a game where no women can play. Just overly muscled men wearing brightly colored, tight-fitting uniforms. The object of the game will be to grab a man clutching a big ball, throw him to the ground and jump on top of him. Then other guys, who 'play' for the same team, will jump on top of him, too. They'll take a break only when a man wearing a fashionable black-and-white outfit blows a whistle and says they've just 'scored.'"

"We can call the teams really suggestive names--Oilers, Rams and Packers. We can even have one player who will do nothing but make passes. The team that finishes first will win some gaudy jewelry -- a ring maybe. To keep the game alive, we'll send old men out to recruit young boys. And best of all, for the men who just 'like to watch,' we'll make the game soooooo long that wives and girlfriends will get pissed off every time it's played. They'll feel so ignored they'll break up, creating a surplus of available men for us. Doesn't it sound fabulous?!"

Fabulous indeed. Perhaps not altogether true, but definitely a useful insight. Carrying out the logic, if football really is a means of creating a surplus of available men, then homo and hetero competition is that much more increased, thus aiding in female promiscuity, thus allowing men to develop larger testes. Ultimately, it all works out.

In regards to those less endowed, no worries. Natural selection, and apparently society, has yet to reject your impact on the dating scene. In fact, a poll conducted by mypleasure.com found that although partners preferred larger genitals, sexual technique is a much greater factor in partner satisfaction.

So instead of going out and buying pumps or Viagara--both of which have temporal effects but won't increase the actual size of your penis--buy a book, get some chocolate and take some time to improve your performance.

And finally, since Valentine's Day is as commercial as the Superbowl, I hope you find some reverence in its intent, and at the least, play the game fairly.

MUSES

MUHLENBERG'S ONLY
ART AND LITERARY
MAGAZINE

2005 CALL FOR
SUBMISSIONS!!

<ART< POETRY>PROSE<SCULPTURE>
YOU GET THE IDEA!!!
ANYTHING YOU CONSIDER ART
WE WILL CONSIDER!!!

Contact the editors:
Jon @ 610-740-4787
Lauren @ 610-248-8115
MUSES@muhlenberg.edu

SUBMISSIONS DUE FEBRUARY 20th!!

Thursday, February 10

11pm Red Door

S.E.V.E.N. Sketchers

Featuring Jeremy Hagan & friends

Gavin DeGraw *on-campus* Ticket Sales

Monday 2/14 - Friday 2/18 (Lobby) 11am-7pm
Monday 2/21 - Friday 2/25 (Lobby) 11am-7pm

STUDENTS MAY PURCHASE ONE (1) $10 TICKET
STUDENTS AND STAFF - UNLIMITED $15 TICKETS

BEGINNING 2/26...ALL TICKETS SOLD THROUGH
www.muhlenberg.tickets.musictoday.com
or
800-594-TIXX (8499)

Friday, February 11

5-6pm	Powerhouse	Ryan Kavalsky
10pm	Red Door	Comedian "Steve Hoffstetter"
10pm-1am	Lobby	Free Chocolate Dipping
11pm-1am	Underground	Open Mic Night
Midnight	RD	Movie Bridget Jones "Edge of Reason"

Saturday, February 12

5-9pm	Lobby	Balloon Guy
8-9:30pm	Red Door	Girls Next Door
8pm	Lobby	Stuff A Plush (200 available)
10pm	Garden Room	Psychic "Jim Karol"
midnight	Red Door	Movie Bridget Jones "Edge of Reason"
11pm-2am	Lobby	Handwriting Analysis

Sunday, February 13

6pm	Red Door	Movie Bridge Jones "Edge of Reason"

Monday, February 14

Noon (Lobby)
FREE VALENTINE'S DAY CAKES

9pm (Red Door)
DAVE BINDER
FREE DESSERTS & SPECIALITY COFFEES

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

ROAD RULES

FOR THE

THE REAL WORLD

...Come to a motivating day of career advice & information at the

CAREER CAMPAIGN 2005

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Starting at 1:15 pm

More than 30 alumni will be on campus to present on panels and in workshop sessions throughout the afternoon. All students, first-year through senior are invited to attend!

Sessions will include:

- Recent Grads Reveal All: Becoming *The Contender* in the Job Market
- *Amazing Race*! Multicultural Issues in the Workplace
- *MOST WANTED*: A Few Good People in Sales
- Cure for the Common Career: Dealing in Disease
- From *Boston Legal* to *Judge Judy*: Careers in Law
- Applying for Postgraduate Awards: *Search for the Most Talented Kid!*
- Is It Really *Dog Eat Dog*? From Muhlenberg to the Real World
- *Fear Factor*: The Interview!
- *Globe Trekker*: Putting International In Your Work
- *Wanted*: Fun Jobs in Communication
- Doing Something Different: Is it *Fantasy Island*?
- Job Search for Future Teachers

Watch your mailbox for the brochure or stop by the Office of Career Development and Placement.
Don't delay – register soon.
Space is limited in some sessions.

Leader of the Pack

Mule Profile--Danielle Bovelle

By Jess Anselmi
Weekly Sports Writer

Measured in fractions of seconds and mere inches, track is a sport in which only committed athletes truly shine. Danielle Bovelle, a senior co-captain for both the indoor and outdoor track teams, has proven an invaluable and versatile competitor for both teams during her four years at College. Bovelle is a standout in four event: the 55m dash & 200m dash (indoor) and the 100m & 200m (outdoor.) She also fills in for team relays, placing the interest of the team as a whole before her own gains, a quality that has led her to excel on all levels.

A two-season athlete, Bovelle's final indoor season is off to an impressive start. In the first meet of the year, the Kutztown Invitational, she became the school record-holder in the 300m, clocking in at 46.44 seconds. Bovelle originally set this record her sophomore year, only to have it broken last year by fellow captain, Senior Katie Macomber.

"I didn't even know about it [the record] until on the way home. Coach usually gives us stats about the meets, so he just announced it on the bus. I went the whole day without knowing," said Bovelle. In the last few meets, Bovelle has run a leg in the 4x400 and the 4x200. In the Frank Colden Invitational, the 4x200 team placed first and qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships (ECACs.)

Hailing from East Northport, N.Y., Bovelle competed in four years of high school track, both winter and spring. A recipient of the Scholar Athlete award all four years, she also received the Coaches Award for her final season.

Though her transition to college competition has long since been made, this season has a different feel for Bovelle. Voted captain by her teammates at the conclusion of the 2004 season, she now has the role of leader to fill: "It's different [this season] because I'm a captain. I now have an authority role. I've never been a captain--not even in high school."

Beyond the track, Bovelle has been an active member of Black Students Association (BSA) and has been an Resident Advisor (RA) for three years. A former member of the college choir, she claims that handling all her activities has been a challenge: "It took a lot of cutting and pasting." Track has always been her main focus; however, her eyes are always on the finish line.

Looking back on her past three seasons, Danielle concludes, "I've gotten better. I'm now used to what the coach expects from us." This season she aspires to make it into the ECACs in the 4x200 and the 4x400, she has qualified for the Centennial Conference Championships every season in the 55m or the 100m, and just qualified for the 4x200 this week. Bovelle is still working on making qualifying time for the 4x400.

"I'll be happy if I make at least one. If I buckle down a little more, I probably could do it. I think I could do it," said Bovelle.

After her last collegiate race, Bovelle, a Spanish major who studied abroad in Seville, Spain for eight weeks, will look toward either graduate school or the workforce. She is looking at Towson, St. Lewis in Madrid, St. John's, and Queen's College but is unsure of where graduation day will find her: "My plans are to go to graduate school, but if a job comes up, of course I'll take it, but I do want to get my Masters. Right now though, I have a clean slate ahead." Bovelle plans to either teach Chemistry, as she almost has enough chemistry credits to major in the subject, or to be an English as a Second Language teacher.

Come the end of track season in May, Bovelle will have to part with people with whom she has grown close throughout her career.

"Coach Hackett, he's great. He's more than just a coach. He's a friend, a mentor, a teacher. All the coaches—Coach Wallace, Coach Lobb, Coach Buchanan and Coach Perkowitz—definitely want you to excel, not only in sports and academics, but also as a person," said Bovelle.

Still, Bovelle said saying goodbye to her teammates will be most difficult. "I'm going to miss my teammates the most. People believe that track is an individual sport, and it is, but it is still very much a team sport. I couldn't get through the season without my teammates."

Senior Danielle Bovelle races toward the finish line.

Photo Courtesy of the Muhlenberg Website

Bonus points separate Mules from a win

By Dylan Moulton
Weekly Sports Writer

WRESTLING

The Mules wrestlers were made and broken by bonus points this week against Gettysburg and Ursinus Colleges. They picked up a win against the Bullets, 26-21, and fell to the undefeated Bears, 24-19. The Mules remain .500 in the conference, with a 3-3 record.

The Mules had a dual against Ursinus, the top-ranked College in the Centennial Conference. The Mules were strengthened by the return of a healthy Junior co-Captain Dale Mills (149/157), who proved a necessary force in both matches. The returning Centennial Conference champion has been dealing with back injuries since high school and has had trouble staying healthy enough to compete.

Out of nine contested bouts, the Mules won five, forfeiting one match to Junior Eddie Murray (125, Ursinus.) Sophomore Michael Tenenhaus bumped up a weight-class to wrestle 133 and was overpowered by a stronger Freshman Anthony Vales until the third period. Though Tenenhaus came back strong, it was a case of too little too late, and he finished 11-5.

Senior co-Captain Jeremy Hart (141), Mills (149) and Freshman Brian Saval (157) won the next three bouts with two minor decisions and a major, respectively. This brings Hart's career record to 63 wins, ten of which were from this season. Saval also brought his winning streak to six.

In the past week, Saval was recognized on the Centennial Conference Honor Roll. Saval was trailing 5-0 in his match against King's College. He ended up winning by a decision, with a final score of 10-6. Saval has won his last six of seven bouts.

The Bears pulled away with bonus points, winning the next three matches by pin, major decision and tech fall, respectively. This earned the Bears six extra points beyond the win.

The Mules responded with a minor decision by Sophomore Matt Loesch (197) and a pin from the freshman heavyweight Joe Tartar.

This was Loesch's nineteenth consecutive dual-meet win, a highest on the team. Tartar's pin was his tenth this season, another team high.

Without the bonus points on Ursinus' side, a tie would have resulted in a Mules win over the 23rd ranked team in the nation.

Senior co-captain Frank Pepe was very encouraged by the finish, and Tenenhaus said that the finish is optimistic for the Centennial Conference tournament. The Mules are strong in the right weight classes, which could cause good results in the up-coming meets.

Gettysburg College would not go down easily in their 26-21 loss, winning five of the ten matches, including a forfeit at 133.

What proved instrumental to the Mules victory were the bonus points from two forfeits at 141 and 149, a minor decision from Junior Chris Gibson (165), a technical fall from Mills and a pin from Loesch (197).

Pepe wrestled a close match against Gettysburg Sophomore Tom Fives. Pepe lost for two in overtime, 5-3; Sophomore John Hesse also came up a little short in an intense match against Sophomore Daniel Donnelly. This resulted in a 4-3 loss in three periods.

The season is slowly wrapping up for the wrestling team. They face Messiah College this Friday, then Washington & Lee and Baptist Bible Colleges on Saturday. Washington and Lee is third in the Conference with a 1-1 record in the Conference and a 4-3 record overall; the Mules are ranked fifth.

Shutte: the 'real deal'

By Liz Einhorn
Weekly Sports Writer

As the spring season of men's golf begins, Rob Shutte will take on the lead as the new head coach, replacing Mario Bellomo, who had coached the team in the fall. Bellomo left to join a club in Ohio.

Head Coach Shutte is ready to help his new team.

Photo courtesy of the Muhlenberg Website

After winning its fourth Centennial Conference championship in eight years in 2004, the team sought out a coach to help maintain its strength and success. Shutte stood out as the man for job.

A member of the PGA, Shutte graduated in 2003 from the Professional Golf Management program at Penn State University.

For being a young head coach, he has extensive experience teaching; he has served as an assistant golf professional. He previously taught at the John Jacobs Gold Schools in Phoenix A.Z., and served as an assistant golf professional at Arcola Country Club in Paramus, N.J., Cherry Valley Country Club in Skillman, N.J. and nearby Center Valley Golf Club.

His expertise and experience contribute to strong team morale. Considering the team has been performing well, it is integral to inherit a coach to continue the team's current legacy of achievement.

Senior Matt Schoenfield notes that Shutte is "very professional about everything he does." He goes on to describe his new coach as the "real deal."

Senior co-Captain Weston Happ adds that Shutte is "really enthusiastic about making the program the best that it can possibly be. He wants to incorporate new techniques such as recruiting more players and starting to train during the off-season."

The golf season will begin in March with the Susquehanna Frostbite Invitational.

Under the direction of Shutte the team will try to make it to the Conference Championships.

Mules qualify for ECACs

By Kristen Ziegler
Sports Editor

INDOOR
TRACK & FIELD

In the Frank Colden Invitational, both the men and women did well, with the men placing in several events and some women qualifying for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships (ECACs.)

The men were able to place third in a field of sixteen, behind two Division II teams, West Chester University and Millersville College. Conference competitors Franklin and Marshall College, Ursinus College, Johns Hopkins University and Gettysburg College also competed , placing fourth, sixth, seventh, and ninth, respectively.

Though none of their runners qualified for ECACs, the team was able to maintain high marks, placing in the top three positions in five events. Sophomore Lex Mercado finished second in the mile with a time of 4:29.47. Sophomore Stephen Rothwell finished at 4:29.51.

In the 4x400m, Mercado, Rothwell, Senior co-Captain Calvin Tintle and Junior Jason Finkelstein came in second place with a time of 3:31.26. The 4x200m team, Tintle, Finkelstein, Mercado and Junior Caffrey Garff, placed third. Their time of 1:36.33 was just nineteen seconds shy of their time in the Orange and Maroon Classic.

Sophomore Tim Seeley and Senior Christopher Martin both placed well in the 3,000m. Seeley placed first with a time of 9:01.25 and Martin was not far behind him with 9:02.82.

The women placed fifth in the Invitational, with Centennial Conference competitors, Franklin and Marshall and Ursinus Colleges placing sixth and fourteenth, respectively.

In the 4x200 relay, Seniors Danielle Bovelle and Ashlie Hankee, Junior Danielle Seiler and Freshman Jenna Lombardi outran the other teams. Their first place win was just thirteen hundredths of a second short of the College record. Though they did not break the record, their time did qualify them for the ECACs. Seiler ran the 400m in 61.43 and finished in third.

Senior Ashlie Hankee had already qualified twice for the ECACs in the 55m hurdles. In this meet, she lowered her time to 8.81. She placed second in this event; Sophomore Rachel Drosdick placed in sixth. She had a time of 9.17.

Senior Jenna Belisonzi raced in the 3,000m and came away with a time of 10:41.14. This second place time is the second-best time in the College's history. The best time, 10:23.54, was set by Amanda Watcher '93. This time made her the latest addition to the ECAC qualifiers.

Bovelle, Sophomores Stephanie Conicella and Lillian Hatfield and Freshman Jenna Lombardi placed third in the 4x400m with a time of 4:21.71. Senior Kristin Boydston threw 4-11 in the shot put and placed fourth.

The Mules next compete on Saturday in the Bucknell Winter Classic.

A closer look:
sunlight vs. shadows

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

There are one or two athletes on every team that stand out; they perform consistently and help their team succeed. Therefore, they are given media attention. While these players are "In the Sunlight," there are other, lesser known players. Though these teammates perform well, they are hidden from the public eye. These people are mainly glossed over, with their hard work, dedication and contributions to their teams' success unnoted. These players are "In the Shadows" just waiting for their chance to step out.

In the Sunlight

Sophomore wrestler Matt Loesch (Carsonville, Pa./ Upper Dauphin) is on a nineteen-match winning streak. He leads the Centennial Conference in his class (197) with a winning percentage of .864.

Junior basketball player, Kristen Piscaldo (Somerset, N.J./Immaculata) lights up the Conference. In single game statistics, she leads assists with twelve and steals with eight. In seasonal statistics, she is ranked thirteenth for scoring, sixth for steals, ninth for three-point percentage and second for three-point field goals made and second for assists.

Senior Gwen Doyle (Pattenburg, N.J./North Hunterdon) not only leads the Conference in three-point goals with 44, but she also appears on national rankings, placing fifteenth for three-point field goals per game.

Sophomore Jeff Stewart (Croydon, Pa./George School) continues to dominate the court. Stewart plays more than any other Mule, averaging 29.8 minutes per game. He is first in the Conference in blocked shots and rebounds with an average of two per game and ten per game, respectively. He is also second in the Centennial Conference in scoring with 19.7 points per game.

Senior John Brodowski (Bordentown, N.J./ Bordentown Regional) is tearing up the track. He is consistently performing at the top of his game, winning the 55-meter hurdles, long jump and pole vault at the College's first home meet. He then went on to win the pentathlon and qualified for Eastern College Athletic Conference Championship (ECACs).

Sophomore Rachel Drosdick (Verona, N.J./ Verona) is right up there with Brodowski as she won the pentathlon for the women and in the process broke two school records and qualified for ECACs. She had a personal best time of 8.7 in the 55-meter hurdles and her best in the high jump.

In the Shadows

Junior Chris Gibson (East Lyme, Conn./ East Lyme) and Sophomore Mike Tennenhaus (Oceanside, N.J./ Oceanside) are constant contributors to the wrestling team. According to co-Captain Frank Pepe, "they wrestle in two of the toughest weight classes [165; 125] in the country." They work hard at practice and take care of themselves as neither has missed a practice.

On the basketball court, Sophomore Meghan Courtney (Southampton, Mass./Amherst Regional) led the Mules with ten points and eight rebounds in their loss to Dickinson College. She scored eighteen points and led the team with eleven rebounds versus Penn State-Altoona. She averaged four points per game until Saturday when she led the team with fifteen points.

Junior Chris Pothering (Neffs, Pa./ Central Catholic) is point guard for the Mules. His hard work and dedication have him consistently contributing to the team as he has added points to the board in all but three games in which he has played. His aggressive defense and the extra effort he puts into practice, lifting and conditioning have him leading by example. He gives 100 percent on the court.

Junior Jay Finkelstein (Wayne, N.J./ Wayne) is one of the track team's hardest workers. He was part of the third place 4x200 meter team and second place 4x400 meter team that competed this past Saturday at the Mules first home meet.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside: *Men's golf names a new head coach.* *page 15*

SPORTS

Inside: *Wrestling confronts top-ranked Conference team.* *page 14*

Mules fall by close margin

By Allison Marman
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Mules suffered their fourth and fifth defeats in a late-season losing streak. They lost 62-71 to Haverford College, and three days later they lost to Gettysburg 53-56.

The Mules (5-8, 8-12) defeated the Fords (9-4, 10-9) by a margin of 22 earlier in the season. With a six-game league-winning streak, however, the Fords are one of the most talented teams in the Centennial Conference right now; the Mules simply could not hold them down in the final seconds of the game.

Haverford shot 62 percent in the second half, giving them the opportunity to come back from a six point deficit at the half to win by nine. The Mules made less than half of their shots.

Both teams came out a little slow in the first half. The Fords attribute this to the handful of players suffering from the flu this week. The Mules, however, can blame only themselves. Senior co-Captain Chase Licata blamed the recent losing streak for a lack of morale on the team. As a whole, he felt that the team rushed their shots and simply did not play to their best ability.

The Mules had the upper hand going into the half, but two minutes into the second period the Fords took the lead with a couple of back-to-back three-pointers. The Fords held the lead for the remainder of the game.

The Mules got the deficit down to one point with sixteen minutes to play, but Haverford answered with a jumper, and the lead grew from there.

The Mules remained just slightly ahead of the Fords until the last few seconds of the game, with the score 62-71 in favor of Haverford College.

Sophomore Jeff Stewart, who is now regarded as one of the best players in the league, helped keep his team in the game with 24 points, fifteen of which were in the first half.

Licata and Junior Jimmy O'Brien contributed big numbers also, with thirteen points and nine rebounds, respectively.

The Mules next stop was at Gettysburg College, the second-ranked team in the Centennial Conference. The Mules put up a strong fight but when time ran out, they were three points shy of their first road-victory over Gettysburg in ten years.

The Mules held the lead for most of the game, getting as much as nine points ahead of the Bullets. After Stewart sunk a free throw, the Mules were up by one point with 1:48 to play in the game, but sixteen seconds later the Bullets made a go-ahead basket.

The Mules had two possessions in the last minute and a half, but they could not manage a basket. The Bullets then scored again off the inbounds. The Mules took the ball back when they were down by three points with 27 seconds to go.

The Mules had a three-pointer attempt, but the shot did not go in. Then the Gettysburg Bullets pulled in the rebound and ended up on the free throw line. Missing a one-and-one, o'Brien recovered the ball back and made a last second attempt, but the three-pointer fell short just as the clock ran out.

The Mules finished three points shy, giving Gettysburg College another win. This extends the team's losing streak to five games.

There are only four games left this season. The next game is Sat. against Franklin & Marshall College, the Centennial Conference's top-ranked team amd have a 10-3 record in the Centennial Conference. The Mules are tied for seventh in the Centennial Conference.

HAVERFORD
25

Freshman Greg Pask stretches to sink the shot.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

'Berg breaks losing streak; drops next game

By Tara DeMarzo
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Mules 60-54 win against Washington College (Md.) broke a seven-game losing streak. The Mules led for the first fifteen minutes; the Shorewomen then came back to tie the game.

After regaining the lead, the Mules lost it again and, with 12:42 left to play, went on a 13-3 run to regain the lead for good.

"Since we lost a few, it feels that much better to win, and the tone of the girls on the bench helps those out on the floor," said Junior Stephanie Collucini.

Junior Kristen Piscadlo had an assist and a steal in the run and added two three-pointers. The three-pointers were only two of Piscadlo's five that night. This ties her with Senior Gwen Doyle with 48 three-pointers this season. Doyle holds the College's record with 53 season three-pointers.

To add to Piscadlo's night, she grabbed a career-high seven rebounds, had four assists and four steals.

Coluccini led the team with seventeen points. She and Junior Lacie Smith notched double-doubles as Coluccini pulled down eleven rebounds. Smith had ten points and eleven boards, making this her second straight double-double.

The Mules lost a close 58-53 game at Gettysburg College. The Mules were losing 37-25 in the beginning of the second half. At 2:24, they began a ten minute effort of tough defense and a 16-2 point run that would give them the lead. The 41-39 lead did not last; Junior Katie Eiden shot a three-pointer, and the Bullets led for the rest of the game.

Sophomore Meghan Courtney led the Mules with fifteen points while Coluccini led with eleven rebounds and four assists. Smith almost secured her third straight double-double, notching twelve points and grabbing eight rebounds. Doyle has scored a three-pointer in 49 consecutive games. She sank two against the Bullets.

After finally breaking their losing streak against Washington, the team suffered a close loss to the Bullets. Today, the Mules will have a home rematch against Gettysburg.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

15
VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 17 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Inside

The traditional wine and cheese party for seniors has been cancelled. Now a food and fondue event will be held.
page 7

Inside

Muhlenberg Dancers perform in styles ranging from classical ballet to African and hip-hop inspired modern dance.
page 9

Greening Committee implements new dumpsters

By Laura Russell
NEWS EDITOR

The Greening Committee has established two goals this year regarding the issue of recycling on campus.

According to Richard Niesenbaum, Associate Professor and Head of the Biology Department, the committee plans to "acquire and improve the infrastructure for recycling both in academic and non-academic buildings." The committee's second goal involves effectively educating the College Community about recycling.

Last semester green dumpsters were placed in conjunction with the current trash dumpsters located on campus. The new green dumpsters will be used for paper and cardboard recycling, while blue containers will be used for co-mingled bottles and cans.

Existing recycling containers on campus have been painted in a color-coded fashion, and stickers have been added which indicate what may be recycled in each container.

According to Niesenbaum, recycling receptacles for Parents Plaza and the main walkways, such as Academic Row, will also be put into place soon.

In addition, the committee has purchased green buckets that will be placed in residence halls for proper paper recycling.

According to Kim Nguyen '05, while dorm rooms already contain blue buckets to collect bottles and cans, "the committee felt it was necessary to give residents a container to collect paper as well."

Enclosures have been placed around the new dumpsters and recycling receptacles around campus.

PHOTO BY BEN VEGHTE

Students will have the opportunity to sign up for a recycling container the week of Feb. 21, to be picked up at a later time.

According to Nguyen, this method of signing up is being implemented "in an effort to only provide the containers to those students

SEE **RECYCLING** | PAGE 5

Crime rate down

By Michelle Sartor
NEWS EDITOR

Crime has become an increasingly prevalent topic of conversation at the College since last semester's armed robberies and break-ins.

The College's three year crime statistics, however, show that although the College saw an increase in robberies and burglaries, the total amount of crime has decreased.

The crime report breaks down crimes in two categories: Part I and Part II offenses. Part I offenses are more serious and include crimes such as forcible rape, robbery and assault. Part II offenses, which make up the majority of crime at the College, include crimes such as drunkenness, disorderly conduct and vandalism.

SEE **CRIME** | PAGE 8

Council reacts to student discontent

By Lauren Wiesner
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In response to student concern brought to the Student Council meeting on Feb. 3 about the administration's handling of student issues, Council formed the "Initiative to Review the Muhlenberg Student Perspective," which will survey students to gather information about campus climate from a student perspective.

At the Feb. 3 Council meeting, Christopher Catania '06 explained to Council that he felt his concerns were not adequately addressed by Randy Helm, President of the College and Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students in their respective meetings.

According to Helm, Catania had queried him about eliminating the meal plan requirement for fraternity houses.

After speaking for over an hour, Catania and Helm were unable to agree on the issue.

"Generally speaking, my concerns were the shift of what I thought was the Caring College to more of a business. The College is being run like a business, and that is not what I signed up for here," said Catania. "My biggest concern...if the school is going to shift to running it like a business is that they're not doing a good job because the students who are, in effect, the customers are unhappy."

Catania cited Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs as having instilled professional values to approaching problems in students; however, this approach was not successful in working with Ehrenberg and Helm.

"We try to take that adult approach, and having that shot down by the administration is very frustrating," said Catania. "I know there are a lot of students who feel this way. I feel bad for the students who don't have the courage or mouth to stand up for themselves."

After Catania addressed Council about the matter, Council discussed at length general concern by the Student Body regarding campus climate and the changes in administration.

A committee was formed consisting of the four class presidents, Scott Gordon '08, Sarah Efronson '07, Allison Colino '06 and Mike O'Rourke '05 and chaired by Mike Strauss, Representative of the Class of 2005 in order to determine how to approach the concerns.

After meeting on Feb. 8, the committee brought a proposal for the Initiative to the Student Council meeting on Feb. 10.

Council passed the Initiative and left the committee intact with the rea-

SEE **COUNCIL** | PAGE 6

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Executive Editor

Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

Evaluating our changing College

THE WORK OF STUDENT COUNCIL IN THE CREATION OF THE INITIATIVE to Review the Muhlenberg Student Perspective (see "Council reacts to student discontent" on page 1) is a commendable act; listening to fellow students' concerns, no matter how large or small is a significant portion of Council's role. Since much of the student discontent on campus is not empirically measured, but rather is merely passed from one student to the next in the form of personal complaints, it is important to find a means in which to measure these complaints. Otherwise, the complaints only grow and create a weaker campus climate.

While it would be nice to have quick solutions to large problems, as addressed in previous editorials, strong conclusions take time and effort to reach. The long-term outlook of Council is a mature one. What comes with the responsibility of creating such a long-term Initiative, however, is the follow-up necessary to make a difference on campus. With changing years come a changing Student Body, but the overarching goal should remain the same: to better the student experience at the College. It is the hope of our Editorial Board that these grand plans remain strong rather than fizzling out to a less than meaningful report down the road.

There is a large task in front of Council. Determining what makes students satisfied and dissatisfied, how justified such claims are and how these concerns can be alleviated is not a small one. Such a challenge needs as much assistance as possible. In the coming months, the senior students have the last opportunity to express their opinions in their role as students. These seniors have one unique perspective that may be useful: four years of transition from one administration to a very different administration. Perhaps what would be useful to evaluate is what has changed in these four years, why they have changed and whether these changes have helped or hurt campus climate.

The change from one philosophy of a "Caring College" where the student is always appeased to one where the rules are carefully deliberated upon and stand strong regardless of singular student appeals is a significant change that should be evaluated for its impact on student morale. Sometimes when dealing with people and personalities, the rules cannot always apply, yet rules can also not be haphazardly broken.

Parent concern about sex column

To the Editor:

Regarding the article in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* of Feb. 3, entitled, "Masturbation 101 for Females", I was surprised and disappointed.

If this publication stayed within the confines of the school, that would be one thing, but it does not. It goes into homes where there might be younger children who are not ready for this kind of information and older people who might be offended

I am not for censorship and believe students have a right to express themselves, but not all forms of expression are suitable for the paper's subscribers. Just as we try to think before we speak in order not to hurt or offend the people around us, we should also do the same when we write articles for the world at large.

There is a time and place for this topic, but *The Muhlenberg Weekly* is certainly not the place. In a world where tact, delicacy, decency and appropriateness seem to take a backseat to what is crass, vulgar and exploitive, maybe Muhlenberg would better serve its students with a few talks on social responsibility and more sensitive ways of expression.

I do not know if a responsible faculty member looks at *The Muhlenberg Weekly* before it is published, but maybe it should be.

Obviously, the paper's staff needs to learn a little more about discretion before venturing out into the world.

I hope this finds its way into the "Letter to the Editor" section, but I would like some kind of response from you as to how you think this puts Muhlenberg in any kind of favorable light and how the school is represented to future applicants and their families.

-- Alicia Ragonese
Muhlenberg Parent '05

Letters to the Editor:

Well done *Weekly*

To the Editor:

As a student who now has no affiliations with *The Weekly* (I had previously held two editorial positions in the staff), I thought it might be interesting to provide some non-biased insight into the College's only published (in print) newspaper.

Let me first start by saying that the paper is produced by some of the most exceptional individuals I have had the pleasure to meet at this college. This dedicated group of individuals burns the midnight oil every Tuesday Night (Production Night), braving insomnia, then eight-o'clock Wednesday classes and deadline-slacking writers to create a paper that is, more or less, quite good.

However, picking up the paper every week, I have noticed some disturbing trends. Letters to the Editor are no longer the portals of scholarly insight they once were, merely a place to express shock and horror at the 'terrible' and 'appalling' nature of articles contained within, or in the case of the Jan. 27 piece "An Ode to Jason Klein," glorified fan mail masquerading as a piece of reader opinion. How about suggestions for topics? A discussion of Real World events, and their effect on students at our college would be quite beneficial, in place of the seemingly endless arguments of Republicans vs. Democrats (A note to Democrats: Kerry lost, get over it. A note to Republicans: President Bush is most likely the harbinger of the apocalypse, stop gloating). We are, by far, an intelligent and creative Student Body, proud attendees of a prominent liberal arts college; it is simply atrocious that the extent of our argumentative thought should be limited to a remedial rambling on AOL Instant Messenger and Facebook (Jason Klein again, Dec. 2).

Most disturbing, and the main catalyst for this letter, is the outrage, both printed and public about Christina Liciaga's sex column. Just about every week there is a Letter to the Editor wailing about the perversion or distaste *The Weekly* is showing by publishing this column. Shocking, yes. A student-run publication is printing an article on sex. Now, if the thought of masturbation offends you, there is no reason to read the article. If you see something entitled '*In The Nude*', pass it up for one of the myriad comedian or band reviews seen every week within the fine pages of the Life! section. Those who fear the wrath of their grandmother, an avid subscriber, over the word 'penis', may do well to remember that their parents came from somewhere, and Grandma Flo is not totally in the dark in regards to the entire concept of intercourse. And for anyone out there who thinks God might not approve, remember this: one of the few things God and Darwin agreed on was that sex or the reproductive act is necessary for the propagation of the species.

Apologies if this went on a sort of rant, but I need to get a few things off my chest. So *Weekly*, you keep up the good work, and students, get it in gear. Make yourselves heard, you lackadaisical slackers.

--Max Lux
Class of '07

Left wing strikes back

To the Editor:

This is a response to the multiple letters concerning the Democratic Party's demise. I think it arrogant on the part of Conservatives to ponder the demise of the Democratic Party, seeing as how this election was won by a slim margin. That's precisely the hubris that leads to defeat in coming elections.

On the other hand, a recent response to the original piece questions the prudence of the Democratic Party (DP) moving to the center of the political spectrum and, thus, becoming the "Republican Lite" Party. The author maintains that Democrats should hold their ground and do a better job of communicating their morals to all voters. It is a sound and noble notion, but what are the values of those on the far left, where the leaders of the DP reside today?

Today, voters see little consistency or clarity in Democratic values. The DP has devolved into a rag tag coalition of extremists contradicting each other on multiple levels. Environmentalists block efforts to build factories that create jobs.

At the same time the labor lobby strives to build factories and create jobs and ignore the reality that they cannot compete with foreign labor and pay American wages. Yet both these groups vote Democrat. The

SEE **LETTER** | PAGE 4

Valentine's Day: overspending or overeating

Jason Klein
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

Does anyone know what a human heart really looks like? It looks nothing like the beautifully curvaceous pseudo-hearts that are almost everywhere during Valentine's Day. Fact is, the human heart (as amazing as it is) is actually a pretty disgusting thing to look at, which is why it is falsely depicted as being so beautiful.

This misrepresentation of the heart basically sets the theme for the whole Valentine's ideology. It is one big fake-fest where males and females alike go out of their way to put on an aesthetic display of perfection.

Why do I say Valentine's Day is a fake-fest? Think about it: it is supposed to be the most romantic day of the year. Right off the bat...BAM! Pressure for both parties involved to make sure that this is the most romantic day of the year. How can you possibly act like your natural self while ensuring that you disgustingly over romance your partner? Ironically, the over emphasis placed on Valentine's Day is what causes it to be a disaster for couples and singles alike.

How can you possibly act like your natural self while ensuring that you disgustingly over romance your partner?

Couples can never live up to the super romantic expectations that they have set for the big day, and single people can never put the fact that they are single out of their mind nor can they put the tub of Ben & Jerry's down.The whole concept of cupid is somewhat psychadelic. Let's face the reality, cupid is not a cute little baby with wings shooting people with arrows filled with love. Perhaps, instead, Cupid is a fat bum on the streets of New York City wearing nothing but a diaper and a pair of Halloween angel wings, who is throwing dirty LSD tipped syringes at people. That explains why people feel so dizzy under cupids' spell. Ironically, this is also the reason that "love hurts."

I do not believe that Valentine's Day is a "Hallmark" Holiday, as it is commonly called amongst those whom cupid deemed unworthy of one of his "arrows". Instead, I think that it was invented by a coalition of drug companies and psychiatrists to ensure a steady inflow of clients take them through the typically slow spring months. Couples are bound to fight over Valentine's Day disasters and singles are bound to leave the day feeling even worse about themselves than they did going into it. In the days of Zoloft, Prozac and Paxil there is no need for anyone to have to go through the spring un-medicated. What better way to remind potential clients how depressed they are than to put them in a situation that they are as certain to fail as an unexpecting first-year student in General Chemistry I?

In a day that is so significant and requires weeks of advance planning, it is bitterly ironic that in 364 short days, you have to do it all over again - and better than the year before. Of course, for those afflicted with what has been diagnosed as Jason Klein disease (in laymen's terms - the inability to have a girlfriend), they get to spend the day wallowing in their sorrows. It is really pathetic - especially because the mandatory romance eliminates the concept of real romance because it is so fake.

Am I the only one who has realized that Valentine's Day is not a holiday at all? It is a disease with horrible side-effects: it forces couple to act out of their element, overspend on flowers (marked up 150 percent) and forces single people to consume 5,123,234 calories.

The thing is, Valentine's Day is a virus - and it has already invaded our species. The only way to survive is to starve it, like you would a cold. However, a word of caution: be careful of future Valentine's Day plans; it is bitterly ironic that its initials are VD.

Ward Churchill and the freedom of speech scandal

Kate Arney-Cimino
OP/ED EDITOR

The First Amendment was instigated in 1789. The terrorist attack on the Twin Towers occured in 2001, and shortly after that Ward Churchill published his paper. Ward Churchill, a tenured professor of ethnic studies at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and also the chair of the ethnic studies department, published a paper that said the people in the World Trade Center deserved to die. His reasoning was that they were like little Adolf Eichmanns, who helped develop a plan during World War II to exterminate all of the Jews.

The bridge that Ward Churchill used to link Adolf Eichmann to the workers in the World Trade Center was that they both worked toward plans to exterminate groups of people. His claim was that the U.S. had never been kind to Native Americans or to certain people abroad such as the Iraqis. His choice of words "little Adolf Eichmanns" gives way to a vision of little oompa loompa bent over laptops, or factory workers from *Brave New World* making the evil SOMA to distribute and inflict on the world. Clearly, he's exaggerating, but he is also being insensitive during a time when many Sept. 11 victims are still mending their wounds.

Although most people disagree with the argument in this paper, some feel he should be immediately fired for expressing these feelings. Churchill, who looks something like a caricature version of a beardless Hagrid is refusing to apologize for what he said. Now, there are rallies for and against him across the country. The issue at hand is freedom of speech.

If we have freedom of speech then why do we sometimes not feel free to speak? Surely, when reactions are as dramatic as this, it becomes even harder for people to voice their opinions in the future.

Is freedom of speech suppressed at Muhlenberg? If a professor here expressed views of racial hatred would they be fired?

Is freedom of speech suppressed at Muhlenberg? If a professor here expressed views of racial hatred they would be fired in an instant --or would they? Because the College is a private institution, it can make its own rules and constitutions with restricted freedom of speech. For example, there are only a few designated places where students can put up flyers, and there are certain flyers the school will take down if themed offensive. However, comedians on campus may speak as freely and offensively as they wish. When is it acceptable to be offensive?

Outside the College, it appears that freedom of speech is on the brink of not being free. If our president in one of his addresses to the Union said, 'well there's a thing or two I don't like about them spics in Texas,' he would be impeached the next day. Where is the line? In 1987 Al Campanis, a manager and minority recruiter for the L.A. Dodgers, made a racial comment about blacks

SEE **WARD** | PAGE 4

T H E M U H L E N B E R G W E E K L Y
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Executive Editor
Ben Veghte, Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
Kate Arney-Cimino, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
OPEN, Focus Editor
OPEN, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Johnny Canneto, Business Managers
Robin DeCicco, Asst. News Editor
Tiffany Kirk, Asst. OP/ED Editor
Jackie Starner, Sarah Smith, Dan McClung, Asst. Life! Editors
Tara DeMarzo, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Catherine Zell, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Amy Cookson, Copy Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Writer Manager
John Dunphy, Design Consultant
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2005. All rights reserved.

Keep evolution in the classroom

Michelle Hirst
Weekly Guest Columnist

Last semester, I decided to take a biology class called Evolution for this spring. I had a basic idea of what evolution was and how we believe it occurs, but I didn't know that I was about to dive into a controversial issue that has been raging for over a century. It is amazing that Darwin's theory of evolution is still in newspapers today and how his work has inspired both supporters and fundamentalists to speak out about his theory.

Currently, four states, including Pennsylvania, are disputing evolution curricula in high school classrooms. It is now mandatory to teach the "intelligent design" theory to students as an alternative explanation of evolution at a local high school in Dover, Pa. This new theory attributes evolution and the creation of new species to a higher power, not necessarily God, and disputes that the process of descent with modification is nonrandom.

Some parents have filed a lawsuit against the board of education that the teaching of "intelligent design" violates separation of church and state. They argue that this theory is religious-based and does not belong in a science course. There is no such thing as "creation science" because there is no way of testing the hypothesis. There is no way of proving that an intelligent being is controlling evolution because it can't be observed.

These legal battles date back to the 1925 Scopes trial, when John Scopes taught his students about Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection. He was convicted of teaching evolution illegally, but the outcome was overturned due to a technicality. This created a new surge of anti-evolution support, as many science textbooks started to see the effects of censorship on evolution.

Regardless of what parents want to teach their children at home, students should have access to all theories of evolution, either scientific or religious based. It is important to separate scientific theory from religious theory in the classroom so that students and parents know the difference. If parents still object to their children hearing about "intelligent design," then they should have them removed from the class during that time, which has been allowed in Dover, Pa. I believe that the more information provided to our children today, the better off they will be in determining their own beliefs.

I am excited to have the opportunity to learn about evolution and to have the chance to explore unanswered questions of the theory. There is no way to completely satisfy the strict interpretation of the creation story and evolution at the same time, but everyone should take the time to read both *The Bible* and *On the Origin of Species*. These books are two of the most important texts in human history.

LETTER | FROM PAGE 2

National Organization for Women, an organization purportedly dedicated to garnering respect for their gender, vote along with Larry Flynt and his supporters, who would like nothing better than to degrade these women in a nasty photo shoot. Surprisingly, these two groups vote Democrat.

Pro-choicers protect the right of a woman's choice over protecting another human being's right to life, while the anti-capital punishment activists on the left protect the right to life of the most heinous murderers.

Both groups vote Democrat (While Republicans are susceptible to a reciprocal charge of hypocrisy on this issue they at least appear to stick up for babies while killing detestable human beings, a far less offensive hypocrisy to the American voter).

Jesse Jackson rhymes on about the covert oppression in America.

Meanwhile, Jesse Jackson flies around in private jets with an entourage dedicated to serving his every need, wearing the finest suits, dining on the finest foods and befriending the finest aristocrats Hollywood has to offer! Where's the oppression Mr. Jackson? It must be very covert. Don't think this oppression stops with Jackson either. His son is only a United States Congressman. The Jackson's are walking contradictions of their demagoguery.

The point is that the Republican charge that Democrats are "flip-floppers" (read morally contradictory) is effective precisely because it is true.

The DP must come to the center, not to be more Republican, but so they can obtain some moral clarity. Only then will the responder's goals of communicating to voters about Democratic values become reality.

--Ben Long

WARD | FROM PAGE 3

and their abilities in the business world. He was fired immediately. Was this because the Dodgers is privately owned or because he said it on *Nightline*?

Yes, we all do have freedom of speech, but maybe if you are a celebrity you have a responsibility to your audience, to be polite to them. People might argue that Churchill certainly wasn't a celebrity, but don't we all become celebrities in front of a camera or a microphone? We turn into performing seals in order to achieve our 15 minutes of fame. In interviews after the finding of his paper, Churchill's words and ideas seem more obscene and obscure--but they're his words and feelings.

In no way do I agree with what Churchill said, but he has the total right to say his piece. If anything his comments instead of stirring up violence and anger should stir up conversation and discourse.

Churchill was scheduled to speak at many colleges both in the east and west, and they all have been cancelled due to death threats directed toward him. How is this violent behavior productive to the issue at hand? No one deserves to die in tragedies like Sept. 11, and no one deserves to die for voicing their opinion.

Today we need to refer to freedom of speech as 'tactful freedom of speech.' Ward spoke through an academic paper. Don't fight back against his words, write back.

Careers in Banking Conference
PRESENTED BY MORAVIAN COLLEGE

February 23, 2005
6:30 - 7:30 CEO Panel (Learn tricks of the trade from top CEOs)
7:30 - 8:30 Networking Reception (Food Provided)
Prosser Auditorium, Haupert Union Building - Moravian College

All Majors from all colleges/universities Can and SHOULD Attend

This event is designed to connect undergraduate and graduate stuents opportunities and careers in the banking and financial services industry

Special Raffle for Students: Students that attend the entire event will be entered into a raffle drawing with two grand prize winners receiving a Day with a Bank CEO! Other prizes include a MP3 Player and a $25 Book Store Gift Certificate

REGISTER TO ATTEND ONLINE AT
http://www.moravian.edu/events/banking
before February 21
For more infor email thecareercenter@moravian.edu

Sponsored by Moravian College and the following banks/credit unions:

Lafayette Ambassador Bank
EMBASSY BANK
For the Lehigh Valley
Banking Without Borders
KNBT Keystone Nazareth Bank & Trust
Sovereign Bank
First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union
WACHOVIA

KATE ARNEY-CIMINO IS LOOKING FOR A SENIOR BALL DATE. PLEASE FORWARD ALL RESUMES

TO KATEARNEYCIMINO@HOTMAIL.COM

~Write for Op/Ed~

DON'T BE A NERD, BE HEARD!
CONTACT
KATE ARNEY-CIMINO OR TIFFANY KIRK

KATEARNEYCIMINO@HOTMAIL.COM
KIRK2837@MUHLENBERG.EDU

Allentown girls celebrate females in sports with athletes at the College

By Jessie Huston
Weekly News Writer

Women's participation in sports is, "More Than A Game," as this year's National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) slogan states. NGWSD celebrates the equity and empowerment of female athletes in the United States.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, the College participated for the first time in the National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

The event was run by the Community Service Office, the Athletic Office and Muhlenberg athletes.

It was held for local Allentown girls who were given the opportunity to participate in sports here on campus.

There were seven sport stations including basketball, volleyball, field hockey, softball, soccer, the long jump and hurdles.

The coaches of each Muhlenberg athletic team and two or three athletes from each team set up the seven stations.

There were roughly 25 participants from grades six to twelve from the 6th Street Shelter, Casa Guadalupe and The Caring Place.

The Community Service Office was responsible for organizing the transportation for the participants from these locations to the Life Sports Center.

Student athletes teach local Allentown girls how to set and serve in volleyball.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY MIKE FALK

After the athletic activities, included in the event was a snack with a yogurt bar in the Red Door.

When the event ended, Tara DeMarzo '06, a softball player commented that, "It was a great success, so I think it will be a great thing to expand upon next year. In talking to the girls during the snack time, it seemed like they really enjoyed themselves the most during the long jump and playing volleyball because they never had done that before."

The event was a success in celebrating women's increasing participation in sports and in introducing new sports to them.

Stacy Lipschutz '06 from the tennis team agreed. "Seeing all the girls interacting in each of the sports really showed how hopeful the future is for women in sports," she said.

The College's volleyball coach, Jennifer Warmack-Chipman said, "The purpose of the day is to celebrate and recognize how far women have come in sports. We've come a long way."

Since 1971, the history of women in sports has drastically changed. 1971 marked the enactment of Title IX of the Educational Amendments to the Civil Rights act.

The enactment required that nobody in the United States could be excluded or discriminated against due to their sex when trying to participate in educational programs that receive federal money, including sports.

In 1971, 1 out of 27 high school girls played a sport. Now in high schools, one in three participates in athletics.

According to Warmack-Chipman, National Girls and Women in Sports Day was a success on the College's campus, and it will happen again next year.

RECYCLING

FROM PAGE 1

who will recycle responsibly."

According to Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer of the College, the new containers are being funded through a number of sources.

The receptacles located in Seegers Union only required repainting by staff, while the new classroom receptacles and paper containers are being funded by Randy Helm, President of the College, through a restricted discretionary fund and budgeted equipment funds.

"Our goal is to pay this investment back by lessening trash removal fees as more items are recycled instead of put in trash cans. This will take some time and education," stated Dyer.

With the implementation of new recycling receptacles and dumpsters throughout the campus, the committee is concerned about contamination issues.

"The committee is working to educate the campus about the bins and dumpsters so that they may be used properly and successfully," stated Niesenbaum.

The committee plans to provide programming in order to better inform the community about the importance of recycling on campus.

"Recycling information was provided for incoming first-year students and has become a part of advisor training, cardboard was collected during move-in and there are staff recycling liaisons for each academic building," stated Niesenbaum.

The contamination issue is a primary one for the committee. While many students and faculty believe that materials placed in recycling containers are simply disposed of as garbage, this is not true.

According to Niesenbaum, if a recycling receptacle is contaminated with food or non-recyclable materials, then everything in the receptacle must be disposed of as garbage.

"This burden is on us, the Muhlenberg Community, to think before we toss, so that we can avoid contamination and increase the likelihood that these materials will be recycled," stated Niesenbaum.

According to Niesenbaum, recycling decreases the amount of material that goes into landfills and reduces the rate of resource consumption.

"We are making great strides towards improving our recycling efforts. This is because of the commitment and vision of many in our College Community," said Niesenbaum.

With the addition of the new dumpsters, Helm has placed enclosures around them in order to "screen functional but unattractive trash receptacles from pedestrians on campus thoroughfares."

In addition, the enclosures have openings on each side so that students can walk in and place their trash in the proper receptacles, and they will eventually be lit and landscaped.

While Helm asserts that these enclosures are necessary for the recycling program in addition to preventing the receptacles from blowing away and turning over, Nguyen disagrees.

According to Nguyen, the enclosures have taken on the nickname of "rape gates" by students who are afraid to enter them to dispose of their garbage.

"Therefore, they toss the trash over the gates which usually results in their trash exploding and making even more of a mess for the Plant Operations staff, as well as defeating the purpose of making the campus look nicer," stated Nguyen.

While Helm plans to address the safety issue by adding overhead lights to the enclosures, Nguyen sees this as a contradiction because this addition "adds more energy, not to mention further attracting attention to the dumpsters with lighting."

While the greening committee continues its efforts to educate the campus on recycling, Nguyen stated, "the trash enclosures make it difficult when you cannot even see the green dumpsters until you enter the enclosures, which some people do not even know about since they just toss their trash over."

According to Nguyen, the Campus Community can contribute by reading before tossing trash into the recycling receptacles, cutting back on all campus mailings and looking to creatively advertise events rather than competing with other flyers that plaster the walls of the Seegers stairwell.

COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

soning that each class President can equally represent his or her respective class.

Strauss presented the Initiative to Council: "We are proposing the formulation of a committee in response to several student concerns being raised in regards to their dissatisfaction with various aspects of our college."

The Initiative is meant to "help us as a Council to determine the true feelings, expectations, concerns and needs of students," said Strauss.

> *"This process will help us as students and a Council to give validity to the voice and sentiments of our peers and constituents."*
>
> Mike Strauss '05

In order to gather this information, the committee will research the potential methods of collecting information and surveying from various campus constituents.

Strauss explained to Council that "this process will help us as students and a Council to give validity to the voice and sentiments of our peers and constituents. We will be critiquing both what the students need and expect from their school, but also what the College needs and expects from its students."

While the process has been brought forth in response to negative concerns about the College, the process is meant to approach the campus climate in a positive and open manner.

"We will be open with all involved with the College, and will be not only clear of our goals and expectations, but will be looking for assistance from members and resources from within the College as well, for this process is designed to help both students and the College alike," explained Strauss.

Catania believes the approach of Council is constructive because it will examine all campus constituents.

"Personally I hope this is a wake up call that [administration] are employees of a school where students choose to attend," said Catania.

Efronson emphasized her hopes that the evaluation will be used in a constructive manner for the College.

"I see it as hopefully a really positive program for the school that I hope will be done every couple of years and not just stop after our report is compiled," said Efronson.

"I think it will give the student perspective to the College in a manner that students feel comfortable in giving that information because students will be gathering the information. In the end, this process can only make the College more successful."

If the Initiative is continued over several years, student opinion can be tracked throughout individuals' four years at the College.

She also explained that the end product is meant to be presented to the College in order to make constructive changes.

"Hopefully they'll take some of the students' recommendations of what they'd like to see on campus," Efronson said.

Only preliminary meetings have been held for the Initiative, and the committee will be examining survey options next.

Strauss explained that the next step for the committee is "to decide the proper channels to gain the information we need to put together a proposal and come up with a way in which we will identify and gather information."

The committee expects that this step will take the remainder of the semester to complete.

"I would like to go faster than that, but realistically speaking the rest of the semester will go toward the planning process," said Strauss.

The committee will attempt to utilize current seniors this year before graduation.

"Happy students make a school great, and there seems to be enough unhappy students for us to need to take more action than ever before," said Strauss.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	⛅	⛅
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 20	High: 38 Low: 22	High: 38 Low: 23

Paper Bins Recycle:

MUHLENBERG RECYCLES

M

- Books
- Paper Board
- Computer Paper
- Envelopes
- File Folders
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Office Paper
- Phone Books
- Spiral Notebooks

Be sure to sign up for a paper recycling bucket for your dorm room in Seeger's Union Feb 21st-25th

Contact Kim Nguyen for further information
X5634

OFF CAMPUS

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY PROPOSES NEW PARKING GARAGE

BETHLEHEM, PA – Lehigh University wants to build a six-story, 22,000-square-foot parking garage with 312 parking spaces on the western edge of its campus. Officials say the new garage will make parking for visitors much easier and also make the campus more pedestrian-friendly.

City officials estimate that the plan will cost between $5 million and $6 million to complete. The addition of the parking garage is part of a larger plan unveiled five years ago by Sasaki Associates of Boston. Arrangements for additional student housing are also included in the plan.

Although the garage will not be exclusively for Lehigh students, officials believe its existence will alleviate some of the parking problems for students, especially those living off campus.

The city of Bethlehem gives out two parking stickers per house to students. There can be up to five students living in a single house, so they have to compete with Bethlehem residents for parking. Officials hope building a new parking garage will help students living off campus and also the residents of Bethlehem.

POLICE LOOKING FOR NEW HOME FOR DRUG DOG

LANSFORD, PA – Police in Lansford are trying to sell Ajax, a drug-sniffing dog that was donated to the borough in June 2002 by Daniel and Ralph Cipko, two philanthropic brothers. The dog was worth $21,000.

The police are now trying to sell the dog because Jeremy Sommers, the police officer trained to handle the dog, was suspended after pleading guilty to violating the civil rights of Americans in a drug planting scheme. His plea also calls for him to resign.

Using Ajax in drug cases requires that the officer knows the correct commands and when to use them. Training a new officer would cost between $5,000 and $6,000. The borough is not willing to spend that much money. The decision was made at a public council meeting.

Right now interested buyers can bid on Ajax until 3:00 p.m. March 1. That night, a council meeting can decide who, if anyone, will receive the dog.

There is nothing keeping Sommers from bidding on Ajax, who lives with him, but anyone who gets the dog must pay for any retraining.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

College fetes seniors with food and fondue

Wine and cheese cancelled

By Rebecca Levy
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The Office of Alumni Relations, seeking to have graduating seniors leave the College not only well-educated, but also understanding their role as alumni, has announced that it will host a "Finger Food & Fondue Festival" on Feb. 23.

An alumni event is traditionally held as one of the celebrations culminating graduation for the Senior Class. This year the Alumni Relations Office has cancelled the "Wine and Cheese" reception of prior years and added this new event in the hope of attracting a greater turnout both to the festival and to future alumni events.

> *"I think implementing a 'new program will allow students to fully understand what it means to be an alumni."*
>
> Stephanie Krauss '05,

The Office of Alumni Relations' aim is to show graduating seniors that their connections with the College need not and, indeed, should not end with graduation.

According to Kimberly Anderson, Director of The Muhlenberg Fund & Development Services, "The Senior Class Connections Campaign seeks to achieve this main goal of educating students of what it means to be an alumni through being connected, involved and committed to Muhlenberg after graduation."

Prior to scheduling the Festival, the Alumni Relations Department canvassed Senior Class officers as well as Cardinal Key Society members for input, which was overwhelmingly favorable.

> *"This shift in program should by no means be viewed as a replacement for the wine and cheese event."*
>
> Traci Falco,
> Assistant Director of Alumni Relations

The result was a decision to begin the Senior Class Connections Campaign with food and fondue.

"This shift in program should by no means be viewed as a replacement for the wine and cheese event, nor should it be perceived as taking anything away from the students," stated Traci Falco, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations.

Some students, however, are not pleased with the cancellation of the wine and cheese event.

"I love wine, and I really love cheese. This is really upsetting. I was looking foward to being treated like an elegant and valued student, and now we have been reduced to dipping things in pots on sticks," stated Kate Arney-Cimino '05.

Randy Helm, President of the College, has set as targets a minimum of half the senior class attending the Festival, and donations to the Alumni Association by the class averaging $20.05.

To encourage both attendance and giving, Helm promised that if his targets are met he will personally host a barbecue for the Senior Class at his house.

Last year the wine and cheese event attracted 56 percent of the senior class and generated an average gift of $20.21.

The Office of Alumni Relations is confident that the Food and Fondue Festival will be even more successful.

The Festival "is a starting point [for the Office] which is trying to create a more well-rounded program which is going to help us bridge the gap and make a change," noted Anderson.

In response to this change, Stephanie Krauss '05 states that, "I value tradition especially at Muhlenberg College, and I think implementing a 'new' program will allow students to fully understand what it means to be an alumni."

"Were it left up to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the later."

-THOMAS JEFFERSON

To write for *The Muhlenberg Weekly* News Section
CONTACT:
ROBIN
EXT. 5496

Seniors! Juniors! Prospective Interns!

Tired of seeing job announcements requiring years of experience?
Interview with employers seeking NEW COLLEGE GRADUATES!
Reach 100 Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania employers under one roof!

LEHIGH VALLEY
COLLEGIATE
CAREER EXPO

Wednesday, March 2, 2005
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The Holiday Inn, Fogelsville, PA (Junction Route 100 & 22/I-78)

Sponsored by Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC),
Albright College, Alvernia College,
Cedar Crest College, DeSales University, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania,
Lehigh Carbon Community College, Lehigh University, Lehigh Valley College,
Moravian College, Muhlenberg College, Northampton Community College,
PSU-Berks-Lehigh & Reading Area Community College

This is a FREE EVENT, one copy of your resume required at the door
Professional interview attire is required
Bring 30-50 copies of your resume
Come prepared to be interviewed

Log on to www.lvcce.org for more info
Contact the Career Planning Office for resume/interview advice

CRIME

FROM PAGE 1

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security, explained that these statistics are part of the State Uniform Crime Report Statistics, which measures crime at colleges and universities in Pennsylvania from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year.

He said every student, faculty member and staff on campus will be receiving a copy of the report along with a cover letter from Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students.

There were two more robberies and six more burglaries at the College in 2004 than 2003, but Part I offenses decreased from 124 to 112. This was mostly due to a decrease in assault and larceny.

Part II crimes also decreased at the College from 578 in 2003 to 487 in 2004. There was a significant decrease in vandalism incidents, from 237 to 180, and disorderly conduct offenses, from 117 to 77.

> *"We don t take that report, stick it in the drawer and move on to the next thing."*
>
> Ken Lupole,
> Director of Campus Safety

There was, however, an increase in liquor law violations, drug violations and sex offenses.

Liquor law violations increased from 124 in 2003 to 153 in 2004. Drug violations increased from 11 to 19. Sex offenses increased from one to seven.

In 2004, Cedar Crest College had 128 total incidents, all of which were Part II. Their most serious offense was one sex offense. At Lafayette College, there were 68 Part I offenses and 310 Part II offenses. during 2004.

The report also contains statistics about clearance rates. Lupole said clearance means that Campus Safety was able to identify the individual or individuals responsible for an offense.

In 2004, Campus Safety cleared 349 incidents, which represents 58.264 percent of the total incidents. In 2003, Campus Safety cleared 81.054 percent of the total incidents.

Lupole said although the clearance rate dropped in 2004, the percentage is higher than the national average for clearance rates which is between 30 and 35 percent.

Lupole said colleges are not required to publish their clearance rates, but Lupole wants people to know the officers try their best to close cases. "We don't take that report, stick it in the drawer and move on to the next thing," he said.

According to the crime report, Part II offenses have steadily decreased since 2002. Part I offenses, on the other hand, have fluctuated. There were 113 Part I offenses in 2002. This number increased to 124 in 2003 and dropped back to 112 in 2004.

Similarly, liquor law and drug violations varied. There were 198 liquor law violations in 2002. It decreased to 124 in 2003 and then rose to 153 in 2004. There were 16 drug violations in 2002, 11 in 2003 and 19 in 2004.

Arrests for liquor law and drug violations have increased since 2002. Twenty-two people were arrested for liquor law violations in 2002, 23 were arrested in 2003 and 28 were arrested in 2004. There were no arrests for drug violations in 2002, one arrest in 2003 and three arrests in 2004.

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 7 – Theft – A student reported that her wallet containing $140 in cash and credit cards was stolen from her purse in General's Quarters.

Feb. 7 – Theft – A wallet was stolen from the training room in the Life Sports Center.

Feb. 7 – Suspicious Person – Students reported that a 40 to 50-year-oldmale was viewing inappropriate things on the computers on the C Level of Trexler Library. He was playing a game of billiards when Campus Safety arrived and was given a letter of trespass.

Feb. 7 – Institutional Vandalism, Harassment and Ethnic Intimidation – A student reported two obscene bumper stickers on his car. Campus Safety is working with APD on the incident.

Feb. 7 – Harassment – The student on student harassment in East Hall has been referred to the judicial process.

Feb. 8 – Terroristic Threats – A non-student threatened a Plant Operations employee who got dirty water on his car while spraying the sidewalk outside the Center for the Arts.

Feb. 10 – Theft – A student in Taylor Hall reported miscellaneous items missing from her room.

Feb. 10 – Sick Student – A student over the age of 21 in MacGregor Village was ill due to alcohol.

Feb. 10 – Suspicious Person – Two black males in a white Ford Explorer were stopping female students and asking them if they wanted to be in movies. Campus Safety was unable to locate the vehicle.

Feb. 10 – Attempted Theft – Wooden molding was taken off the garage doors behind 2222 Chew St.

Feb. 10 – Hit and Run – A student reported a dent in the rear top corner of the trunk of her car. The incident occurred while it was parked in the MacGregor Village parking lot.

Feb. 11 – Suspicious Activity – An RL reported some suspicious incidents, possibly a dog, at 2442 Tilghman St.

Feb. 11 – Institutional Vandalism – The door closer arm was broken off a conference door in the Haas College Center.

Feb. 11 – Hit and Run – The side view mirror of a student's vehicle was struck on Liberty St.

Feb. 12 – Theft – A coat that included a wallet was stolen from Trumbower. The wallet was located with everything inside, but the coat, a Killy winter coat, is still missing.

Feb. 12 – Lost Property – A coat was lost in Seegers Union. It was then located in General's Quarters and returned.

Feb. 13 – Plumbing Problem – A student reported the problem at the Alpha Chi Omega house. Plant Operations was called to make repairs.

Feb. 13 – Sick Student – A sick student in Walz Hall chose to visit the Health Center instead of being transported to the hospital.

Feb. 13 – Noise Complaint – Campus Safety broke up a party at 319 N. 22nd St. There was one fire safety violation.

Feb. 13 – Suspicious Person – Three students and one non-student were standing on the fire escape of the Alpha Chi Omega house. The individuals said they were looking for someone inside. That individual confirmed their story.

Feb. 13 – Noise Complaint – An RA reported an intoxicated student in East Hall. Campus Safety discovered that the student was not intoxicated, but broke up the party because of the noise.

Feb. 13 – Institutional Vandalism – The wooden railings from the Hillcrest House to MacGregor Village were broken.

Feb. 13 – Injured Student – A student fell outside of Moyer Hall and scraped her knee and right palm. EMS treated her, and she was not trasnported to the hospital.

Feb. 13 – Injured Student – A student injured his left ankle while in the Life Sports Center and was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

What's your scholarship?

Scholarship
#239
Gymnast

Find your scholarship opportunities at our re-launched Scholarship Channel.

powered by: BrokeScholar

"Some people never go crazy; what truly horrible lives they must live."

-Charles Bukowski

Muhlenberg Dancers in Concert:

Performing work of professional choreographers

By Jenna Fletcher
Weekly Life! Writer

Dancers in Robert LaFosse's contemporary ballet piece "Sanctuary," meet in the center of the stage to demonstrate the modern approach LaFosse took to this historically classical dance form.

Photo by Rob Kandel

The Muhlenberg Dancers showcased their talents this past weekend in the annual Faculty Choreographed Dance Concert. The Faculty Choreographed Dance Concert draws upon the talents of various dance faculty and guest artists to develop choreography and expose the Muhlenberg Dancers to the rigors and challenges of working with professional choreographers.

The concert opened with "Above and Below," a contemporary jazz piecechoreographed by guest artist Cathy Young. The dancers effectively combined a mix of soft yet articulate dragging of the feet with sharp movements and lines of the arms. The choreography emphasized a rippled feeling, which was shown during the masterful way the dancers were able to move their torsos.

The next piece in the concert was the modern "Tian An Men (Peaceful Gate)" choreographed by faculty member Pat Catterson. Catterson's background in modern dance is mainly in a style called Cunningham technique, characterized by reaching the torso into surrounding space and using the spine in certain ways. The dancers in Catterson's piece all had an exceptional amount of control, which was showcased when the dancers all made individual leaping passes across the stage or in moments when extensions seemed to be suspended in the air.

Following this was "Godard," a modern piece choreographed by guest artist and faculty member Tiffany Mills. A collage of sounds and images, this piece really showcased its dancers' ability to change their movement quality. This collage was held in place by the repetition of certain strands of movement that seemed to bind the piece's individual snapshots into one larger form. This piece had a very haunting quality that was supplemented by the projection of the dancers' shadows onto the background at select points in the piece.

Next up was Associate Professor of Dance Karen Dearborn's pointe piece "Steel Scenes." The piece, inspired by photographs of the vacated Bethlehem Steel buildings by Joseph Elliot, Professor of Art, featured criss-crossed footwork that echoed the grid of the buildings in Elliot's photographs, which were projected behind the dancers.

The first piece after intermission, "Sanctuary," choreographed by guest artist Robert LaFosse, was a contemporary ballet piece. The dancers all seemed to be drawn to the center of the stage in a tight circle. The further away from the center of the circle the dancers traveled, the lower to the ground they became. Something to be noted about "Sanctuary" is beautiful lines the dancers had in their extensions, in particular in their panche arabesques.

Following "Sanctuary" came the African-inspired modern piece by Charles Anderson, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance, . "Parables of Mutants and Madmen," featured four dancers from Anderson's Philadelphia based company, dance theatre X, as well as Anderson himself. This piece seemed to be centered around the struggle of the African American community. At the beginning of the piece, the dancers from Anderson's company descended down the theatre stairs and onto the stage. Haunting spoken phrases were repeated as part of the dance, most strikingly, "Things are not as they

SEE DANCE | PAGE 12

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT TV SHOW ARE YOU EMBARASSED TO ADMIT THAT YOU WATCH?

"*America's Top Model*, do I even need to say why?"

-Lisa White '05

"*The OC*, because its another lame teenage drama fest."

-Mike Yellin '05

"*Made*, because it's a very high school show."

-John Opuda '06

"*7th Heaven*, because its really really unrealistic and annoying."

-Meghen Kear '06

"*Super Sweet Sixteen*, because they are so obnoxious."

-Rory Rosenwald '07

Pedro Almodovar breaks taboos in new film *Bad Education*

By Marshall Slayton
Weekly Life! Writer

When you see a foreign movie titled "*Bad Education*," and it's rated NC-17, a few things come to mind. My friend thought of a pornographic film with hot Latino babes Jennifer Lopez and Salma Hayek sliding up and down cold steel poles. I pictured a similar film, only with lots of violence and gunplay.

We were both wrong.

"*Bad Education*" is the latest film from internationally acclaimed director Pedro Almodovar, who also directed "Todo sodre mi Madre." ("All about my Mother.") He's Spain's Michael Moore, only not all politics. Almodovar tackles touchier, taboo subjects. This film is about homosexuality and pedophilia in the Catholic Church.

The film opens with a film director named Enrique, who's struggling with an imagination crisis. Not much later, an old school friend, Ignacio, comes to his office, looking for acting work--literally begging. Enrique shoos him away with a few lies and some sympathy, but Ignacio leaves a script behind, one titled "La Visita," (The Visit). Curious, Enrique decides to read his friends script, and finds that it solves his creative block.

The script is partially based on Enrique's and Ignacio's homosexual romance as young Catholic schoolboys, which is broken apart by Father Manolo, who also loves Ignacio. The other part of the script is completely fictional, where Ignacio becomes an older, cocaine-snorting transvestite. When the film goes into production, it sparks old memories and brings new discoveries.

The plot then makes several twists and turns. "*Bad Education*" isn't your typical Hollywood fare. If the MPAA wasn't so uncomfortable with homosexuality, then this would be rated R, not NC-17. There's hardly any nudity here, and almost no foul language.

I realize that this isn't everyone's cup of tea, since the homosexual relationships in this film are often explicit. And occasionally, it can just be flat-out uncomfortable to watch. One scene where young Ignacio and Enrique stroke each other's gentials in a public movie theater had me turning my head. And there's another scene where Ignacio rapes his boyhood crush that made me leave to buy popcorn. I came to the realization that I had these reactions because organizations like the MPAA prevent most people from being exposed to this type of content, which is ultimately harming our society.

Some of these things are just too dark for most viewers. But if you can stomach it, "*Bad Education*" is actually an in-depth character study about a young actor who's haunted by his sexually abusive past. All of the actors, especially Gael Garcia Bernal, turn in great performances, and the script remains suspenseful until the very end. There are enough plot twists here to keep the viewers guessing. However, if you are uncomfortable with homosexuality or foreign films, don't see it.

ON CAMPUS TICKET SALES
Monday 2/14 - Friday 2/18 &
Monday 2/21 - Friday 2/25
11am-7pm SU Lobby
(1) $10 ticket per student
unlimited $15 tickets available for students & staff

NO ON CAMPUS SALES AFTER 2/25
beginning 2/26...tickets are $15
and all tickets must be purchased at
www.muhlenberg.tickets.musictoday.com
or
800-594-TIXX(8499)

VONAGE
Presents The
GavinDeGraw
Free Your Voice Tour

with special guests:
jem AND MICHAEL TOLCHER
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE - Memorial Hall
April 10, 2005
Doors at 6pm Show at 7pm
General Seating Tickets: $15
Tickets go on sale February 26
www.muhlenberg.tickets.musictoday.com
or....800-594-TIXX (8499)

IN STORES NOW

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Are We There Yet?
Fri. 5:10, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 5:10, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 3:00, 5:10, 8:00

Hitch
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Pooh's Heffalump Movie
Fri. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
Sat. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
Sun. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

Million Dollar Baby
Fri. 12:45, 7:00
Sat. 12:45, 7:00
Sun. 12:45, 7:00

Constantine
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Boogeyman
Fri. 4:40, 7:50, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:50, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:50

Because of Winn-Dixie
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Son of the Mask
Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 2:40, 5:00, 7:40

Campus Quest: Celebrating Diversity

By Jackie Starner
Asst. Life! Editor

The Campus Quest program, which Star-crossed Students has introduced to the College, is currently taking place at colleges and universities across the country. The goal of the Campus Quest program is to promote interfaith and intercultural dialogue. To participate in Campus Quest, groups must create a project that will culminate in April 2005.

In April an expert panel will judge the projects, and upon the recommendations of the panel, Faith and Values Media will award cash grants to the projects that seem most promising. The projects are judged on whether they seem sustainable and to what extent they will impact their respective campuses.

The first event of the College's Campus Quest was held on Feb. 2 in Moyer Hall. Star-crossed Students invited members of the campus' other cultural and religious clubs to view the video "The Quest for Peace." The hour long video followed three teams, consisting of people from different religious backgrounds, as they explored relations between Jews, Christians and Muslims around the world.

Team Middle East, which held a prominent role in the video, visited Israel and its surrounding areas. The team consisted of college students from all three faiths, and they experienced each other's religions by visiting sites sacred to each religion in Jerusalem.

The video focused on Team Middle East because tensions between different faiths are most apparent in Israel. An American Muslim in the group experienced the harsh reality of Palestinian life in Israel when she was detained twice by Israeli police. She felt that she was being treated inhumanely by Israeli police simply because of her religion. Although the video highlighted the fighting between Muslims and Jews, it provided hope for future relations by featuring people of opposing religions working together for peace.

Team U.S.A. visited the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma, where a mosk was being erected. This mosk, the first to be built on a U.S. campus, symbolized the integration of Muslims into American society.

The video highlighted similarities between all three religions. For example, in all three sacred scriptures mercy is emphasized. Team Middle East also visited the Sinai Desert where all three religions intersect historically. Mount Sinai is where Moses received the Ten Commandments, which applies to both Christians and Jews. Surprisingly, St. Catherine's, the oldest monastery in the world, is a place in the desert where the Christian and Muslim faiths intersect. The prophet Mohammed is believed to have visited the monastery and decreed that it would always be under Islamic protection.

Important questions arose from the journeys in the video: Have these three faiths always been in conflict with each other? Mohammed's protection of St. Catherine's suggests that the three faiths can peacefully coexist. Another important, yet ultimately unanswerable question that arose was, "Do all three faiths believe in the same God?" However, even if the same God does not govern the three faiths, people of these religions can still learn to accept each other.

The theme of Campus Quest is acceptance of members outside of your faith and of all people in general. The two events that Star-crossed Students currently has planned for their Campus Quest project are the Youth and Prejudice Conference and the liberation Seder. High-school students learn about the Holocaust through the Youth and Prejudice Conference by watching the play "The Library: the story of a Jewish girl growing up in Nazi Germany," which is performed by Muhlenberg college students, and then discussing the play in small groups. The students will also hear testimony from a Holocaust survivor. The liberation Seder is planned as the culminating event for Campus Quest. Star-crossed Students wants to invite the campus' religious and ethnic clubs such as S.E.V.E.N. and Comunidad Latina, to a traditional Seder dinner. Each group will be responsible for a step in the Seder and will have a special food that represents them on the Seder plate. People from each club will then explain to the entire group why the food represents their club.

The culminating Seder would not only bring many different people on campus together but also give them a chance to learn about each other.

Hopefully, Star-crossed Students will be able to continue their mission into the future.

Valentine's Day Recap

By Christina Liciaga
Weekly Life! Columnist

Let it be known that I do not intend to be a sex-driven, pleasure-seeking, self-loving, contradicting force of nature subconsciously seeking survival- instead, I contend that we all are. Which is why (amongst other reasons of marketing and religious impressions) Valentine's Day remains a leading holiday between Christmas and Easter.

Although the Hallmark holiday is criticized for being as deep as a sympathy card bought at the supermarket, when stripped of its distasteful veneer of commercialism, Feb. 14 is an excuse to reconnect. With the many competing priorities in our lives, V-day is a reminder (other than our palm pilots) to remember and appreciate our romantic relationships, and ultimately the obscurity of romance.

St. Valentine, the great patron of this confused holiday is so unidentifiable (Was he a priest who persecuted Christians and was beheaded? A Catholic bishop? Or someone who secretly married couples when marriage was forbidden?) that the Roman Catholic Church removed him from the official calendar in 1969. The secondary source of Valentine's Day, the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, had young men draw the names of a young ladies who would serve as their year-long sexual partners. Upset by the practice, Pope Gelasius I changed the custom so that both men and women drew the name of a saint to emulate instead of a lover.

Considering the anonymity of V-day origins, it is no wonder that we romanticize this holiday and make it into what we need. Lovers plan romantic rendezvous, and singles plan unsuspected and superficial connections with the most attractive man available. For those of us who expect Valentine's Day to be perfect, Feb. 15 can either find us fulfilled or shedding disappointed tears.

IN THE
NUDE

My Valentine's Day was a bit of both. I attempted to reconcile my love of love with a pre-Vday celebration at the King George Inn with one of my oldest and best friends. He was a perfect date, complete with flowers, humor and a lei (of the Hawaiian variety of course).

Yet his efforts didn't equal the one phone call I received from my ex-boyfriend. Last year, our Valentine's Day was perfect. We went to a French restaurant, listened to a Romeo and Juliet symphony at the Sheldonian Theatre, and returned home to a floor size bed, Syrah and dark chocolate. Waking up next to him the next morning was the best Feb. 15 I've ever had. But not every year can be a success.

This year it didn't seem like many peole were buying anything for their Valentine's.

One of the best Valentine's conversations I had was discussing the differences between four pure experiential states: love, lust, sex and passion.

The distinction between these states was never clear to me, but they were rather an interwoven network of colored threads, which often overlap, but still retain their uniqueness. Still, the distinction was worth some thought. How often do we mistake lust for love, sex for passion, passion for lust, and so on?

For example, if you ask the attractive singleton you meet at a party and coin as a good kisser to stay the night is that passion? Or just lust? And do you want to have sex with him? Or do you just love the company of another body, another soul, in the morning?

"I wish you'd get out of my Life (!) and shut up!"
-Napoleon Dynamite

Hey, if Napoleon kicks you out of his life, we want YOU in OURS!

Write for Life!

Contact:
Jackie at Ext: 6179
or
Sarah at Ext: 4455

horoscopes

By Philli D'Vine and the writers of *Zoolander*

Aries

"I'm pretty sure there's a lot more to life than being really, really, good looking. And I plan on finding out what that is."
Do you have a goal or dream that you've wanted to pursue for some time? Then get off your couch and turn off the TV. This is your time to go and try. Don't be afraid! Just go for it and give it your all. A chance like this may not come along again.

Taurus

"I feel like I'm taking crazy pills!"
Feeling a bit stressed lately? Did you procrastinate just a little too long on that ten page paper and are now suffering the sweaty consequences? Yeah, I thought so. Sorry, bub, nothing can change your fate. You're just gonna have to suffer through and maybe you'll survive. Next time, think a little in advance about what your schedule can allow.

Gemini

"Screw you and your little dog too!"
Use this comeback whenever big bullies pick on you, and I'm sure you'll get a positive response. Maybe they will only steal your homework instead of stuffing you in a locker. Yes, it looks hopeful and maybe its optimistic to say, but they may like you so much, they'll come back for more.

Cancer

"Listen to your friend Billy Zane-he's a cool dude!"
Faced with a problem, dilemma, or conundrum? Think about it first before taking any action. Ask a friend for their advice. An outside opinion always makes a difference. And because they are not directly involved, their thoughts and ideas may be more logical than yours. Your friends are there to help you.

Leo

"How can we be expected to teach children to learn how to read if they can't even fit inside the building?"
Calm down, do not panic. I know this campus is confining, but don't fret. Renovations are being made, and floors are being added. By next year you won't even recognize this place. It'll be like a new school.

Virgo

"Are you not aware that I get farty and bloated with a foamy latte?"
Ahem, ahem, excuse me, but somethings you might want to keep to yourself. Have you been revealing too many intimate details of your life? Your friends love you no matter what, but they don't need everything. Its hard not to share all of yourself, but this case calls for it.

Libra

"I think I'm getting the Black Lung, Pop."
Have you called home lately complaining of death-like symptoms? Snap out of it. I know it's bitter cold, rainy, and windy, but you are not dying, so stop using that as an excuse to get out of class. If you go to the health office they would probably tell you the same thing and send you away with cough drops.

Scorpio

"Now if you'll excuse me, I have an after-funeral party to attend to."
Well aren't you just the biggest partier-ever. What ever happened to the good old days of Friday and Saturday night fun. Wednesday and Thursday seem to have taken over as well for the party days of the week. Just remember your priorities: bed before five and awake by four p.m.

Sagittarius

"Just because we have chisled abs doesn't mean that we can't not die in a freak gasoline fight accident."
I know its hard to believe that we are all mortal and can therefore die at any moment. It's actually quite depressing. Just be careful the next time that you go to pump gasoline into your car. Make sure there are no lit cigarettes or cigars and lighters in the area.

Capricorn

"By the way, it's the Cheryl Ladd collection at JC Penny. On SALE!"
You go girlfriend! Be proud of who you are and what you represent. Who cares if you can't afford the overrated Burberry scarf or the Coach bag. Girl, what you have can't be bought in stores. You don't need to have those things to remind you of your worth. You have priceless written all over you.

Aquarius

"What do we do when we fall off the horse?"
You get back up of course! Don't be discouraged and frustrated when you don't get the stellar grade that you've been trying for or that part in a show that you thought you would make, no sweat. As long as you are trying your best, that's all you can ask from yourself.

Pisces

"I just thank the Lord she didn't live to see her son as a mermaid."
When was the last time you thought about your parents and what they would think of your lifestyle? Everyone gets caught up with stuff and forgets to reflect on the quailty of the life they are leading. So, take a break and chill out for your mother's sake.

DANCE

FROM PAGE 11

were, but things are not as they should be." This phrase was repeated by one voice, multiple times; the last time it was repeated it became, "Things are not as they were, but things are not as they could be." The phrase was left floating in the air for the audience to take in as the dancers explored the phrase in what seemed like Anderson's inner monologue. However, at the same time the plight of an entire community of Americans was enacted on stage with fiery, explosive movements and a feeling of introspection.

Dance faculty member Shelley Oliver's tap piece, "About Time" closed the concert. The piece was sassy and fun, and this sassy attitude was embodied by the dancers, who effectively engaged their whole bodies, not just their legs, in this tap piece. The concert ended with this fun, upbeat piece.

Dancers mirror the vacant Bethlehem Steel structures in Associate Professor of Dance Karen Dearborn's "Steel Scenes."

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Session I Starts May 23!

MUHLENBERG
SUMMER STUDY

Register Now

It's the perfect time
to catch up or move ahead!

A wide selection of
1-, 6- and 10-week courses available including

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Asian Traditions
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilization
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Science
- History
- Mathematical Sciences
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Spanish
- Studio Arts

FOR MORE INFORMATION

contact The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College
at 484-664-3300 or visit:

www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/summer

Registrations accepted Mon-Thurs, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fri 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sat 9:00 a.m. to noon

Taking it one pin at a time

Mule Profile-- Matt Loesch

By Jess Anselmi
Weekly Sports Writer

A 25-5 record, three tournament titles and a berth to the NCAA Championships: Matt Loesch's credentials last year as a freshman are nothing short of outstanding. Having no trouble adjusting to the collegiate level of competition, he was ranked eighth in the 197 lb. weight class by the Brute-Adidas National Wrestling Coaches Association preseason poll. In his sophomore season, Loesch has already established himself as one of the top wrestlers in Division III.

Losing no time, Loesch won his first bout of this season in a career-fastest 35 seconds. He then continued on to reach three finals in a row, the King's College Monarch Invitational, Ursinius' Fall Brawl and Messiah College's Petrofes Invitational.

Last season, Loesch defeated a Johns Hopkins University wrestler by just one point. This time around, he defeated him by a 5-0 margin, a telling preview for this season's Centennial Conference Championships.

At this point in the season, Loesch has won nineteen consecutive dual meet match-ups, reaching the 20 win mark vs. Ursinus for the second year in a row.

"If things go well," he said, "I'll hit my 50th win mark at the Conference tournament. That's usually a good benchmark for a wrestler, and I'm in range."

Loesch also leads the team with a 24-3 record and garnered his seventh pin of the season in the Mules face-off against Gettysburg College.

Hailing from Carsonville, Pa., Loesch has wrestled since the age of four. During his high school career, he compiled 106 wins, ending his career at the 171 lb. weight class and he was selected to one of Pennsylvania's national teams, along with teammate Junior Dale Mills.

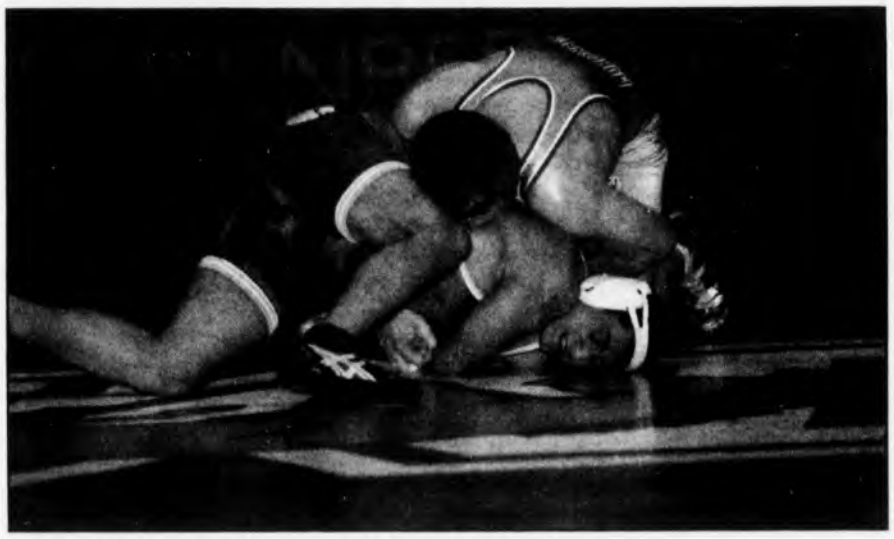
Loesch holds the state record for the fastest pin, four seconds, which he clocked in at twice, but only once officially. Making it to state championships all four years, he faced some stiff competition comparable to that which he now faces at college: "I did well in the rounds of state championships. Most of the guys I lost to now rank in the top few in the nation as either freshmen or sophomores, both Division II and Division I."

This extensive experience coming into the College led Loesch to be named Rookie of the Year for the 2004 season. He came close to breaking the freshman win record; unfortunately, he became sick over winter break, causing him to be sidelined for three weeks.

Still, he rebounded by winning the Conference Championship and advancing to the NCAA tournament in Dubuque, Iowa. There, he defeated the nation's fourth-ranked wrestler and had a strong showing, ending the season with 25 wins.

Even more impressive, Loesch came up only one win short of an All-America title.

Such early exposure to NCAA level competition has been invaluable for him: "The level of the guys in the conference and the guys we wrestle normally is a lot different than the level of the top five wrestlers in the country. Learning to compete at their level, there are a few technical differences but mostly you quickly learn that the attitude here is definitely different than their mentality there."



Sophomore Matt Loesh takes control of his opponent.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Regarding this season, Loesch has high hopes. "The team is rebounding from the passing away of Coach John Rute last season. We have a new coach, Thad Smith, and he's really great. He stepped right in; he's everything you could want as a coach."

Just as he excels on the mats, Loesch is also a standout in the College Community. A Psychology and Business double major, he plans to go to graduate school for Industrial/ Organizational Psychology, possibly leading to a career in the FBI. Loesch is a student tutor and is active in the church choir, student council and class council; last year he was class president and this year he is a class representative.

As for wrestling, while he does hope to coach at the graduate or high school levels, he realizes that there is more to life than sports: "My dad was captain of the Bucknell wrestling team while also majoring in engineering. He understands when I say it [school and sports] gets to be a little much. I came DIII because I'm not looking for a career in wrestling. There are a lot of people here that can relate to that."

'Berg qualifies athletes and breaks records

By Kristen Ziegler
Sports Editor

INDOOR
TRACK & FIELD

At the Bucknell Winter Classic, the Mules sent more of their team to the Eastern College Athletic Conference finals (ECACs). On the women's team, two athletes, Senior Jenna Belisonzi and Freshman Sara Gearin, broke College records in the 5,000m and in the 1,000m. On the men's team, Sophomore Lex Mercado qualified for the ECACs in the 800m.

"I didn't set out to break the record," said Gearin, "I just set out to run my own race." She finished the 1,000m in an eighth place time of 3:09.17. This time broke the former College record of 18:52.47 set by Senior Karen Mount in 2004 and qualified Gearin for the ECACs.

"Coach was very encouraging throughout the whole race and definitely pushed me along," said Gearin.

In the 5,000m, Belisonzi broke the College record that was set just last year by Mount. She finished more than fourteen seconds ahead of that time at 18:38.20. Mount was running the 5,000 just behind Belisonzi. Her time of 19:33.36 placed her in fifth.

In the 60m hurdles, Senior Ashlie Hankee finished in fifth place with an ECAC qualifying time of 9.47. Sophomore Jacquelyn Inverso also made the ECACs with a triple jump of 36-2 3/4. Inverso holds the College's record for the triple jump with a combined jump of 36-11.

In the high jump, the top three Mules competitors finished within two places and two inches of each other. Freshman Erika Koop and Sophomore Katie Hesselink-Hicks both jumped 4-9 for a sixth place tie. Sophomore Rachel Drosdick jumped 4-11 for a fifth place finish.

On the men's team, Mercado ran a qualifying time of 1:57.08 in the 800m. His time placed him third, just one minute behind first place Brian Bonn of Frostburg State.

Mercado was also a part of the sixth place 4x400m team, which included Seniors John Brodowski, Calvin Tintle and Sophomore Stephen Rothwell. This time is only 0.22 seconds behind their finish in last week's Frank Colden Invitational.

Brodowski went on to compete in both the high jump and the long jump. In the long jump, he tied for second place with a jump of 5-11. He was the highest placing Mule in this meet.

In the long jump, Brodowski had an ECAC qualifying jump of 21-7. He qualified in the home tri-meet with a jump of 22-2 and holds the College's record with a jump of 22-3.

Rothwell finished in fourth in the mile with a time of 4:24.54. He improved his time from last week by nearly five seconds.

Christopher Martin finished sixth in the 5,000m with a time of 15:55.16. He beat his personal best of 16:19.27 from the Orange and Maroon Classic.

Next week, the teams compete in the Princeton Invitational, the last meet before the Centennial Conference championships.

Doyle breaks record

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

Women's Basketball Senior co-Captain Gwen Doyle has not only made an impact on the court and etched her name into the College's Basketball All-time record books, but she has now made her way into National rankings.

Doyle, currently eleventh in the country in three-pointers per game, is continuing to climb this chart game by game. She has now made a three-point field goal in 51 consecutive games.

After making three three-pointers against Swarthmore College, giving her 53 on the season, she tied the single-season team record that she set a year ago. She has since broken this record, and she is the All-time leader in the College's records for three-point field goals with 57.

She also holds the record for the most three pointers both on the team and in the Centennial Conference in a single game with nine, which she achieved against Haverford College earlier this season. Furthermore, Doyle is first on the team with career three-pointers as well, with 179 over the course of her collegiate career.

In the Centennial Conference, Doyle not only finished first on the three-point charts, but also ranks ninth in total points in a game with 27, which she attained against Haverford College in December.

A well-rounded leader of the team, Doyle has had many achievements in the past four years. She was honored in the Scotty Wood All-Tournament Team both her sophomore and junior years and was named the Scotty Wood Tournament Most Valuable Player (MVP) her senior season.

A starter on the team since her freshman year, Doyle was a member of both the All-Conference Honor Roll and the Academic Honor Roll her junior year.

Off the court, she is a member of Delta Zeta sorority and Athletes across the Atlantic, the latter being an association which prides itself upon giving back to the community.

Doyle's collegiate basketball success is no surprise, as her high school accomplishments were nothing less than extraordinary. A graduate of North Hunterdon High School in Pattenburg, N.J., she currently holds the record for career three-pointers with 170, and a three-point single season record with 71. The three-point record was made her senior year.

Her teammates state that Doyle is a constant positive on the team and is deserving of her success. "Gwen [has] always been a dependable player and teammate on and off the floor," said Junior Tiffany Kirk.

"She works very hard, and even though breaking her own three point record is an amazing accomplishment, it doesn't surprise me at all that she did it," Kirk said.

Humble about her personal accomplishments, Doyle attributes the majority of her success to her teammates. "I would be nothing without the other girls on the team, and they push me to succeed every day," she said, "I appreciate everything they have done for me, and I am so lucky to be surrounded by such wonderful people."

MUHLENBERG
10

Senior Gwen Doyle looks to pass the ball as she dribbles.

Photo by Rob Kandel

WRESTLING | FROM PAGE 15

competition from both Brian Barber of Ursinus and Brandon MacWhinnie of Steven's Tech, but with how he has wrestled lately, a finals appearance is all but expected.

DeCampo has made a name for himself in the Conference this year, his first on the team, and has strong potential to make the finals match against competitors from Gettysburg College and Steven's Tech. Tartar had a strong showing this year, pinning nearly half as many wrestlers as he has faced. He weighs about 240 (maximum is 285), which gives some of his opponents a size advantage.

Lastly, Hesse has the second highest winning percent in his weight class in the Conference. He will most likely meet up with John Troutman of Ursinus College in the finals, depending on seeding. Their last meeting ended in a technical fall for Ursinus.

The Mules are hosting the tournament this year and have a good chance of coming away with the win even though they are fourth in the Conference. Ursinus, the favorite to win, has some tough match-ups between their stronger wrestlers and weaker teams in the earlier rounds (pending seeding), which could lead to an upset in the Mule's favor. With enough placement points, the Mules could sneak in and win a close tournament.

Don't forget the OCDP's

CAREER CAMPAIGN 2005

ROAD RULES

FOR THE

THE REAL WORLD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Starting at 1:15 pm

If you haven't registered, stop by our office.

OFFICE OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT & PLACEMENT
EXPLORATION
PREPARATION
OCDP
OPPORTUNITIES
www.muhlenberg.edu/ocdp

Mules defeat two teams

By Dylan Moulton
Weekly Sports Writer

WRESTLING

The Mules wrestlers concluded the dual-meet part of their season in positive fashion, defeating two of their last three opponents by a total of 33 points. The Mules competed with Messiah, Washington & Lee and Baptist Bible, losing to Messiah by a five point margin in the last match.

The last home meet of the season against Messiah started off with a strong Mules favor of 10-0 over a team that the wrestlers had never beaten in College history. Sophomore Matt Loesch (197) major decisioned Mike Orfanso, and Freshman Joe Tartar (Heavy weight) pinned his eleventh opponent of the season (seventh in the Centennial Conference), a team record. Messiah picked up a forfeit at 125, and Sophomore Michael Tenenhaus had a hard fought victory at 133 over Matt Bradshaw to bring the team score to 13-6.

In the next four matches, Seniors Jeremy Hart (141) and Frank Pepe (165) lost to their rivals by pin and major decision, and Junior Dale Mills (149) and Sophomore Brian Saval (157) won by tech fall and minor decision, respectively, which brought the team score to 21-16.

Junior Chris Gibson (174) lost to Tony Valenti by major decision, making the score 21-20, and it came down to the final match. Sophomore John Hesse (184) matched up well with Tim Pentz, but Pentz caught him attempting a Granby roll, and the match was over in 1:50. The Mules lost, 26-21.

The next day the Mules drove to Baptist Bible and left with two wins. Pepe said, "We've been wrestling well and pretty much saw ourselves rolling through these teams."

The Mules wrestled Washington & Lee first, who was .500 in the Conference matches and 5-4 overall. The Mules left with three pins, two tech falls and one forfeit for a resounding win; 34-19.

The Generals pinned Tenenhaus and decisioned Freshman Brett Gallaway (184) and Pepe (174) but fell short when the Mules won every one of their matches by bonus points. Loesch and Mills won both of their matches by tech fall, and Saval, Gibson and Freshman Joseph DeCampo (141) won by pin. The highlight of the match was DeCampo's pin over an equally-matched Adam Hockensmith.

Baptist Bible could do little but pray with only four wrestlers on their roster. They won three of the four contested bouts, pinning Tenenhaus, Freshman Wes Hardy (184) and Tartar in a combined eight minutes and two seconds. They lost due to five forfeits and a second period pin from Gibson at 174. The final score was 36-18. Washington & Lee beat Baptist Bible 50-6, forfeiting the heavy weight class.

With only the Conferences and potentially the ECAC tournament left, the Mules are finally at full strength with no injured starters, a first all season.

Pepe said, "I foresee six of our nine guys making the finals." This is a strong statement, but one with a lot of credit to back it up. Loesch finished the season perfectly. He won all sixteen of his dual-meet matches this season (23 consecutive overall), the seventh longest streak in College history. He won the Centennial Conference tournament last year, making him a favorite.

Mills is back and healthy, winning his last three bouts since his injury (two by tech fall). He won the tournament last year as well and is ing for a repeat.

Saval is 22-8 for the season and will have tough

SEE **WRESTLING** | PAGE 14

BASKETBALL

FROM PAGE 16

streak with their first victory against the Diplomats since the 2001 Centennial Conference playoffs.

Going against one of the best offenses in the league was a challenge, but it was nothing the Mules couldn't handle. At one point, the Diplomats went more than six minutes without a field goal due to the Mule's defense. The Mules kept the game close the whole way, with five ties and twelve lead changes in the first half alone.

With 7:30 left the play, the score was tied at 55. Half a minute later the Mules took the final lead over the Diplomats as Junior Jimmy O'Brien made a three point play.

In the last few minutes of the game, the Mules started to run away with the victory, making eleven of fifteen free throws and bringing their second half shooting percentage to 57.1, one of their best this season.

The last match-up between these two teams gave Franklin and Marshall College the 103-79 victory. This game, the Mules out-rebounded the Franklin & Marshall Diplomats and out-scored them in the second half by fifteen points

Stewart scored 21 points and grabbed thirteen rebounds for his Centennial Conference record-tying fourteenth double-double of the season. He also had five blocks in the game and has 48 on the season, only ten blocks shy of tying the College's single-season record of 58.

Senior Chase Licata finished with seventeen points, twelve of which came in the first half. Licata made eight of his ten first-half free throws and pulled down ten rebounds for his first double-double of the season and the second of his career.

The 2004-05 season had an impressive start for the Mules, but a mid-season lull kept their post-season dreams low. These two wins may have given the Mules the opportunity they needed. They have just three games left, all of which they must win to have the possibility of a post-season.

The last time the Mules went to the playoffs was in the 2001-02 season. The Mules return to their home court to host McDaniel and Ursinus Colleges; the latter will be vying with the Mules for a playoff spot in the Centennial Conference tournament which will be at host, Franklin & Marshall.

Honoring Coach H

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

Athletic Hall of Famer Coach Helene Hospador: a pioneer in women's athletics.

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Website

National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) is celebrated on Feb. 9. NGWSD is recognized in all 50 states with community-based events, award ceremonies and activities honoring the achievements and encouraging the participation of girls and women in sports. The College's athletic department honored women in sports by joining forces with the community service office and inviting local Allentown girls for an afternoon of sports and fun. In light of NGWSD I want to honor the memory of Helene Hospodar, a pioneer in women's athletics here at the College.

The theme of this year's NGWSD is "More Than a Game," and these words rang true of Helene's philosophy as well. Athletic Director Sam Beidleman explained this philosophy stating, "people were more important to her than wins. She never ever lost sight of the educational purpose of athletics whether it was intercollegiate, intramural or recreational."

Connie Kunda was a close friend of Hospodar's; the two worked together in the public school system before coming to the College. Kunda was the College's former Senior Women's Administrator, associate director of athletics, and she also served as interim athletic director.

Kunda recapped Hospodar's presence at the College. "She encouraged her players to have fun in whatever sport or activity they chose. She was a proponent of women in sports and was very supportive in making sure that women had equal opportunities. She was always willing to give of her time and expertise to get a women's sport off the ground" said Kunda.

Hospodar was involved in virtually every aspect of women's athletics at the College. According to head softball coach Ruth Gibbs, Helene was a "pioneer of women sports in the Lehigh Valley. She was someone who was well ahead of her time as far as getting young women involved in sports and when she was here at Muhlenberg she opened a lot of doors and got a lot of things going."

Head tennis coach Linda Andrews agrees with Coach Gibbs adding, "Helene was a feisty woman." Andrews explained Hospodar's demeanor stating that she never settled once she set her mind to improving an aspect of the women's sports program.

Hospodar was head coach of field hockey, women's basketball, women's lacrosse and club softball. She was the cheerleading advisor, women's intramurals coordinator and physical education instructor.

It all started in 1957 when the College became co-educational. Five years later, Hospodar was hired as the women's basketball coach, and in the fourteen years that she coached basketball, she assembled an 87-45 record.

In 1976, Hospodar headed outdoors, trading her basketball sneakers for cleats. She stayed on as head field hockey coach for the next fourteen years and in that time became the program's winningest coach. In the decade from 1980-1990, her teams made five appearances in the C.C. tournament. In 1989, they won the MAC title and received a bid to the NCAA tournament. Seven years later, she retired.

Hospodar was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame on June 4, 2004. Fundraising efforts are being coordinated to dedicate a reception area of the new Life Sports Center in her memory. So far, more than $13,000 has been raised. In addition, the Athletics Department created an annual honor in her name to be presented to a female junior class member.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside: *Wrestling finishes its season with two wins.* *page 15*

SPORTS

Inside: *Gwen Doyle breaks College record.* *page 14*

Mules reload against the Bullets

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

After losing a close 58-53 game to Gettysburg College on Feb. 3, the Mules came back to beat the Bullets this Saturday 80-73, this time at home. This game marked the seventh straight loss for the Bullets at Muhlenberg.

The junior class lit up the court as Junior Tiffany Kirk scored a career high 20 points, twelve of which from three-point shots. It was Kirk's third start this season, and she opened up the scoring with a three-pointer.

Junior Valerie Robuck said that Kirk "really had a great game. She was on fire from behind the three. She really stepped up her game when we needed her."

Junior Kristen Piscadlo added seventeen points and ten assists. Junior Lacie Smith notched her third double-double in five games with eighteen points and ten rebounds.

Senior co-Captain Gwen Doyle broke her own College record for single season three-pointers when she knocked down four in this game. This made her season total 57. She and Piscadlo lead the Centennial Conference in three-point field goals, ranking first and second, respectively.

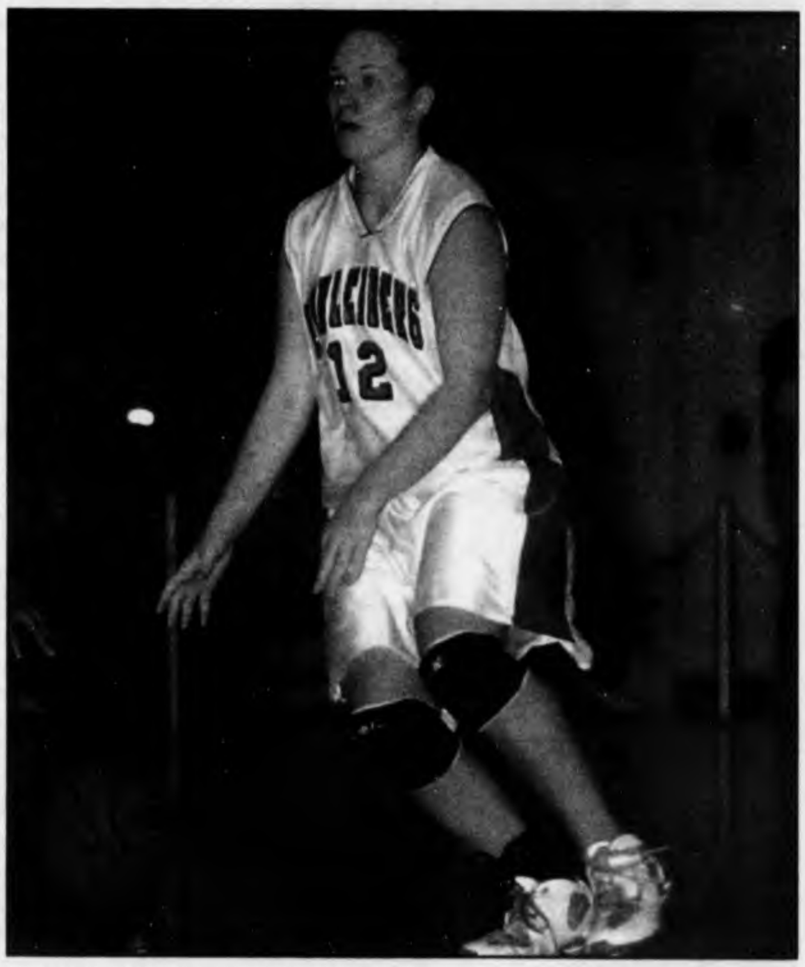
Junior Stephanie Coluccini and Sophomore Meghan Courtney tallied five and eight points respectively. The Mules came out strong in the first half, maintaining a lead until 3:53 was left on the clock and Gettysburg College took the lead. Coluccini wouldn't have it and scored a layup on that next run down the court. This sparked a 10-4 run that put the Mules ahead 37-31 going into the locker room at the end of the first half.

The beginning of the second half played out similarly to the end of the first as the Bullets climbed back to tighten the Mules' lead to five. Once again, the Mules rejected the comeback attempt, and a lay-up from Kirk heightened the lead.

Robuck said, "We executed very well on offense. Everyone contributed by running our plays correctly in order to get open shots."

The win sent Gettysburg College down a slot on the C.C. rankings in which the top three teams already have clinched playoff berths; after losing to the Mules, the Bullets are now seated in the fifth and final playoff spot.

As for the now seventh-seeded Mules, Robuck explains, "This was a very important game for us. We needed a 'W.' It was the beginning of our run for a playoff spot in the conference." This run starts Sunday against McDaniel College.



Junior Kristen Piscadlo, starting point guard for the Mules, takes control of the ball and the game against Gettysburg.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Sophomore Tom Scott searches the court for an open teammate.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

'Berg breaks losing streak

By Allison Marman
Weekly Sports Writer

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Mules bounced out of a five game losing streak with two big wins, first against Swarthmore College and then against the first seed in the Centennial Conference, Franklin & Marshall College.

The Mules (10-12, 7-8) broke their five game losing streak with a 67-54 win over Swarthmore College (3-18, 2-12). They took the lead early in the game, earning a ten point lead which was pushed to a 35-23 halftime advantage. Sophomore Jeff Stewart contributed ten first-half points to aid the lead.

The Mules controlled the game into the second half, and their advantage grew to 22 points with 5:29 to play. The Garnets finished the game with a 14-5 run but were unable to catch the Mules.

Senior Dennis Severino had one of his best offensive performances this season, contributing eleven points for the Mules. He was three-for-three from the three-point range and also two-for-two from the foul line.

Stewart has had an impressive season, and his numbers were no different this game. Stewart finished with a game-high 20 points and recorded ten rebounds. Stewart leads the Centennial Conference in scoring (19.7 points per game), rebounds (ten per game) and blocked shots (2.05 per game). He had his thirteenth double-double game and was one shy of the Centennial Conference record, which he hit later that week.

Coming off the high of a victory, the Mules took their own court for the first Saturday in two months to defeat the Centennial Conference Division leaders Franklin & Marshall College 80-67. The Mules broke the Diplomats' five-game winning

SEE **BASKETBALL** PAGE 15

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 16 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2005

Inside

The Living Learning Experience gives students the opportunity to take courses in their living environment.
page 7

Inside

The tsunami relief concert raises money, awareness and hopes for the victims of the natural disaster.
page 9

Neil Freedman '06 (top left), Brendan Haney '06 (top right), Jared Fine '06 (bottom left) and Kate McLaughlin '06 (bottom right) are Student Body President candidates.

PHOTOS BY JOHN DUNPHY

Student body president candidates debate

By Ben Veghte
MANAGING EDITOR

One week prior to the Student Body President election, the four candidates for Student Body President met for a debate in the Garden Room on Tuesday night to deliberate and disclose their views for the future of the College over the next year.

The four candidates, Kate McLaughlin '06, Jared Fine '06, Brendan Haney '06 and Neil Freedman '06 all arrived promptly at 9:00 p.m. to begin the debate with statements prepared for the audience of students and administration alike.

The four candidates were first given the chance to make an opening statement to the crowd. Fine was the first to make his statement, which was based mainly around his admiration for the College. "I am passionate about this place and you people," he said.

McLaughlin took another angle in her opening address. In addition to focusing on her accomplishments on Council over the last three years, she mentioned that she would like to address current issues facing the College.

Among them being the situation of crime in the vicinity of the College. She suggested that one option would be to "look at other schools in urban areas to see what they do."

Following the opening statements by each candidate, Mike Yellin, Student Body President, directed the first of three questions to the candidates. Beginning with Freedman, Yellin asked, "What in your mind is a perfect Student Body President?"

Freedman responded by emphasizing his belief that the key to a successful Student Body President is the ability to "run Council efficiently."

Additionally, Freedmen stated that a President has to be able to engineer an environment where "everyone can work together as a whole as a community."

Haney, the candidate with the least experience with Student Council, serving only once as a Vice-President of his class, focused his response to the first question around the notion that a Student Council President has to be representative of the Student Body.

"It takes someone who is willing to be courageous," Haney said.

The second question posed by

SEE DEBATE | PAGE 6

Sodexho joins the College in tsunami relief efforts

By Jeremy Duncan
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Sodexho, the company in charge of dining services at the College, is the leading food and facilities management service company in North America.

According to John Iacunato, the Senior Vice President of Sodexho, the company has publicly dedicated themselves "to providing a better way of life," not just for college students, but for people suffering from hunger in America.

The Sodexho Foundation has been one means of addressing this problem. However, the tsunami that ravaged Southeast Asia a few months ago has presented Sodexho with a unique opportunity to provide a better way of life to another area of the world.

Usually around New Year's, Iacunato, sends the presidents, deans and vice presidents of the various campuses in the region a letter and a token gift of thanks, "such as a pen, mouse pad or other promotional kinds of items."

This year, fully aware of the "horrific catastrophe," in Southeast Asia, Iacunato decided to

SEE TSUNAMI | PAGE 6

Best buddies holds first special olympics

By Chris Morse
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The first ever Best Buddies Olympiad was held at the College, on Sunday. According to Rachel Schein '06, the coordinator of the event, it was a great success. "It went really well," she said. "Well enough that we will definitely be looking to do this again next year."

The Olympiad consisted of groups of eight buddies who switched around six different athletic stations with a variety of planned activities. The stations included the long jump, basketball, field hockey, tennis, soccer and baseball. The buddies, who are all either mentally or physically handicapped, were able to enjoy the thrill of these games while building friendships with students.

The stations were manned by a number of athletes who donated their time to the event. "We had approximately twenty athletes show up to help us, which as wonderful," stated Schein.

The different stations were planned before the event, and the athletes met at the event 15 minutes

SEE OLYMPICS | PAGE 5

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Executive Editor

Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

Brendan Haney '06 will bring new and necessary perspective as president

REALIZING THAT EACH OF THE FOUR CANDIDATES FOSTER STRONG leadership skills on campus, the Editorial Board of *The Weekly* endorses Brendan Haney '06 for Student Body President. As the only non-councilmember running in the election, Haney brings a new perspective to Council's leadership that is necessary to move Council in the direction of accurately representing the Student Body and actively engaging student constituents outside of Council's realm. Although Haney is not currently on Council, he has served as vice president on Class Council last year, giving him an understanding of Council's operations. Coupled with his leadership experience in various roles on campus including Cardinal Key Society, greek life, athletics, music ensembles and RHA, Haney will adapt quickly to a new role where he will need to represent and voice the opinions of students.

At a time when student discontent is notable, it is necessary to have a student leader who can listen to all students' voices and not merely those voices that frequent the dialogues of Council meetings. Other candidates may not be able to accomplish this task as well because of their overwhelming involvement within Council. While Kate McLaughlin '06 wishes to "open up lines of communication" with the Student Body, her hope infers that lines of communication are currently lacking on the Council she serves, a problem she (and her fellow councilmembers) has not solved. She also cited during the debate that students felt she was "working against them" while she served as Council treasurer last year. For Neil Freedman '06, election to Student Body President would be a proliferation of the administrative tendencies of the current Council. As the current Council vice-president, Freedman would result in the same patterns of leadership that is currently lacking strong connections to outside student constituents. While Jared Fine '06 is new to Council this year, his ties to varying groups are not as broad-reaching as Haney's. He also cited his greatest weakness as being "easily persuaded, you can pretty much talk me into anything," a quality that could be dangerous when filtering through all student concerns and ideas. Haney will bring the necessary change to Council's culture to allow an open dialogue with all students that is currently lacking.

Letters to the Editor:

Response to parental concern of sex column

To the Editor:

Regarding the response from Alicia Ragonese, parent '05, I was not surprised in the slightest. I knew after reading "Masturbation 101 for Females," that this type of response was only too obvious to expect from some Muhlenberg parents. In fact, it was the reason I picked up the paper this week.

It is blatantly clear that Mrs. Ragonese falls into one of the two reading groups she expressed concern over, which of course is "older people who might be offended." It is a mystery to me how a well written article that deals with a piece of everyday life, packed with cold hard facts could insult or offend someone. Perhaps it made Mrs. Ragonese feel uncomfortable because sex remains to be a taboo topic of conversation in her household, but unfortunately for her we are not in the middle of the Progressive Era, and society is not trying to bring back what the Victorian Age would define as morality. If a newspaper written for the students by the students is not the place to discuss an issue that is commonplace among the students, I would like to know where the right place is.

As far Mrs. Ragonese's concern for "younger children who may not be ready for this kind of information," I can not imagine such a situation. I refuse to believe that any person below late middle school age (fifth grade) reads *The Muhlenberg Weekly* independently for his/her own reading pleasure. I can't speak for anyone else out there, but at that age I was reading the "Goosebumps" series and thinking about kickball, not waiting to read a newspaper that was written by college kids who use words every other line far above my own reading level and whose main topics most usually consist of factors of campus/student life. Anyone older than this who may have stumbled upon the article knows exactly what the article was talking about, and it probably did them some good to know they are not weird for taking 45 minute showers every day.

Instead of recommending that talks be given to the Student Body about social responsibility and sensitive forms of expression, maybe Mrs. Ragonese should take a course in the 21st century. Before accusing *The Muhlenberg Weekly* staff of lack of discretion and commenting that they have a lot to learn before they "venture" out into the "real world," maybe Mrs. Ragonese should look at the world around her. College students are the real world. We will mold it how we please, and just because openness regarding sexuality may not be part of her real world that does not mean it is not going to be part of ours.

--Mike Tentindo
Class of '06

Alcohol and Senior Ball tickets

To the Editor,

While perusing the packet of information regarding Senior Week, the Senior Ball information made me pause. Our school has been very public about our problems with alcohol use, to the point of sending home letters to parents and establishing an Alcohol Task Force. In fact, as stated in the new Task Force recommendations, "Members of the Task Force believe that it is necessary to have a cultural shift at Muhlenberg. Among other things it is seen that over time alcohol has come to be viewed as integral and necessary for social gatherings" (Findings and Results, 12). While I recognize that a part of the attraction of the Senior Ball for many is the alcohol, I think Muhlenberg should be more supportive of those who choose to refrain from drinking. The report also noted that we should "Have students establish guidelines/expectations for their own social events - within the context of the College's alcohol policy. All planned gatherings of students in which alcohol is served must have guidelines" (Suggestion 14). These guidelines should include acknowledgement, acceptance and accommodations for those students who do not drink alcohol.

Yet, the Senior Ball seems tacitly to assume all seniors are interested in drinking, with the policy of everyone paying $60.00 regardless of whether or not they would take advantage of the open bar. It would seem to me (and many others that I have suggested this to), that a better way to proceed would be to give students the option of the open bar, and if they choose to opt out, then to change the ticket price accordingly. With a reduction in the price, I feel that many would reconsider drinking at all. Instead, an open bar creates an incentive which could make them feel they need to drink more than they would typically in

SEE **BALL** | PAGE 4

Ward Churchill and free speech

To the Editor:

This is in response to the article "Ward Churchill and the Freedom of Speech Scandal." At first, while reading the article, I was appalled to think that an educated man would actually write and even more shockingly publish a paper stating the people in the World Trade Center deserved to die. While I still do disagree with what Churchill had to say and certainly do not feel like the people in the World Trade Center deserved to die, I can also see behind the shock value of his words. Perhaps, instead of being outraged at his words, one should look beyond the words to find his meaning. Though the terrorists chose to attack the World Trade Center because of its symbolic economic meaning to this country, the individuals in it as people certainly did not deserve to die. In the eyes of the attackers though, the individuals who died were more than just people, but they too were symbols of the United States' abuses of certain groups of people, which as cited in the article were Native Americans and Iraqis. It is true that the United States has not had pristine foreign relations with parts of the non-Western world, mainly the Middle East, and certain countries in Asia, South America and Africa. Yet so many Americans instantly forget that our country has done anything that might hamper the rights of peoples in other countries and immediately take the stance that Sept. 11 was an unprovoked assault. What I feel that Churchill was trying to do with his insensitivity and his shocking words was make people open their eyes and see that America, too, does wrong whether we want to admit it or not.

As far as freedom of speech on

SEE **SPEECH** | PAGE 4

Greek community service projects go unnoticed

Tiffany Kirk
Asst. OP/ED Editor

Pledging. Parties. Beer. Possible probations. Actual probations. Kicked off campus. Lately, the College's faculty and students often affiliate these actions with Greek Life on campus. The negativities of Greek Life frequently overshadow the community works projects that positively affect not only the College campus, but the Allentown area as well.

Faculty and students often neglect the time and dedication Greek Life puts into the surrounding area. The campus recognizes that Sigma Phi Epsilon throws parties, but not many know that they participate in the Adopt A Highway program or give the Balanced Man scholarship to two non-brothers on campus. And how about Phi Sigma Sigma's participation in the Make A Difference day at the Sixth Street Shelter? Or Delta Zeta's weekly assistance at a non-profit organization, known as The Perfect Fit, that provides interview and work clothing?

"The campus and community know about the parties we throw and read about us in safety notes. They don't know about the many hours of community service we do both during and after the academic year and the thousands of dollars we raise for various charities," says Adam Ford '05, 2004 President of Phi Kappa Tau, which raises money every summer for The Hole In The Wall Gang Camps by running a soccer tournament. "We take pride in the work we do and the lives that are enriched within and outside of the Muhlenberg Community."

Fraternities and sororities are also constantly raising funds for a needing cause. In the past, Phi Sigma Sigma has sold pumpkins to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research. Also, Delta Zeta joined with the Women's Basketball team to conduct a Hoops For Hearing fundraiser that raised $1,500 for the hearing impaired children of the Allentown School District.

Greek Life often combines their efforts with other organizations on campus. Sigma Phi Epsilon donates time to the Student Life Office while Phi Kappa Tau volunteers at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Several other fraternities and sororities held dances in the Garden Room to raise money for a cause, such as Dance For A Cure. All houses were also involved with Pinebrook, which is a day where children arrive at the Field House to experience a wide variety of activities.

Greek houses mentioned in this article are merely a few examples of the many projects and fundraisers that Greek Life has participated in or created. Phi Mu, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Tau Delta, and Alpha Epsilon Pi also have their own contributions, which would take pages to detail.

The mere fact that an entire article could consist of various philanthropic activities shows the dedication that Greek Life has. If the amount of time per activity is ever questioned, look at the numbers: Sigma Phi Epsilon had 250 hours of community service in the Fall 2004 semester. What did you do?

Presidents' Day gets no recognition

Jason Klein
Weekly OP/ED Columnist

This past Monday, the stock market was closed, banks shut down, the post office was closed, children had off from school and families all over America hit the malls for Presidents' Day sales. In a great display of patriotism, this is a federal holiday and is recognized as such in all fifty states. The College (perhaps to broadcast its discontent at the outcome of the most recent Presidential election) did not shutdown. The College, symbolizing its succeeding from the union, was in session – without so much as an acknowledgement that it was Presidents' Day.

Often overlooked as such, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are two of the most important civil rights leaders in the history of America. When Washington was president, he stayed for only two terms and refused continuous offers to become King. He did this in order to maintain democracy, which he felt was crucial to protect the rights of all citizens. Lincoln reunited our country and authored the emancipation proclamation, effectively granting all slaves their freedom and rights as citizens. Why then did the College fail to recognize Presidents' Day in forming their academic calendar?

We have consistently had off from classes on another federal holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Yes, it is true that this holiday is usually celebrated while we are on our winter break, but it usually marks the last day of our break. Thus, the break is extended one additional day to ensure that we celebrate this national holiday.

What makes Martin Luther King, Jr. Day more worthy of having off from school than Presidents' Day? Both are federal holidays, both recognize the outstanding efforts to advance equality and freedoms in the United States, both have affiliation to an assassinated leader, yet Presidents' Day is ignored by the campus administration.

There is no question that Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great man and one of the most important civil rights leaders in the twentieth century. The question rather is why has Muhlenberg decided that the federal holiday in his honor is more important than the federal holiday in Washington and Lincoln's honor. It is strangely ironic that in acknowledging MLK, Jr. Day over Presidents' Day we have failed to make Dr. King's dream come true. He did not want any special treatment for people of a certain skin tone; he just wanted equality for all citizens regardless of race. He wanted equal opportunity, not affirmative action! I think he would be appalled if his children's children were playing with Caucasian children only to fulfill a mandatory quota of interracial friends.

The argument can be raised that the College acknowledges MLK Jr. Day because it is a civil rights holiday, and Presidents' Day (despite my earlier explanation) does not. Perhaps the problem is not only at Muhlenberg, but at the federal government as well. Why do we not have a federal holiday celebrating all civil rights figures? Have you ever heard of: Carrie Chapman Catt, Harriet Stanton Blatch or Alice Paul? All of these are some of the most important women's rights leaders in the early 20th century. Alice Paul founded the National Women's Party and drafted the Equal Rights Amendment, for which she worked beginning in 1921 (immediately after the 19th amendment was ratified) until her death in 1977. Where is their acknowledgement? Where is their federal holiday?

If they had a federal holiday would the College acknowledge it? I believe that the underlying problem is America's obsession with political correctness. In our efforts to make everyone feel equal to each other, we have actually forged a divided country and established the foundations of indifference.

We will never all be equal until we stop doing things to make everybody feel equal. I have no doubt, though it would never be said, that we have off on MLK, Jr. Day because the administrators are afraid that we would be considered racist if we held classes. However, we did have classes on Presidents' Day, apparently to stifle the rumors of patriotism a day off would cause.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Executive Editor
Ben Veghte, Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
Kate Arney-Cimino, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
OPEN, Focus Editor
OPEN, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Johnny Canneto, Business Managers
Robin DeCicco, Asst. News Editor
Tiffany Kirk, Asst. OP/ED Editor
Jackie Starner, Sarah Smith, Dan McClung, Asst. Life! Editors
Tara DeMarzo, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Catherine Zell, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Amy Cookson, Copy Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Writer Manager
John Dunphy, Design Consultant
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2005. All rights reserved.

SPEECH | FROM PAGE 2

this campus, it seems almost like it does not exist on this campus, which is interesting being that the majority of students on this campus come from the socio-economic group that our government and our society in general gives the most freedoms too. If we have these freedoms, then, why aren't we as students exercising our right to be free?

A lot of it has to do with tolerance or lack there of on this campus. Look back to the election. I, for one, will no longer tell anyone on this campus what my political views are, due in large part to the intolerant way both the Democrats and Republicans on this campus acted around the election. It was awful to see that rather than discussing viewpoints, there were people who refused to discuss a viewpoint other than their own, which undoubtedly lead to much frustration from anyone with a different opinion.

It goes beyond the election though. Look around you, the next time you are walking down Academic Row. Everyone on this campus seems to wear a variation on a standard Abercrombie outfit. If clothing is a form of personal expression and we are all unique and diverse with different outlooks and opinions, why do ninety percent of us all look the same?

The lack of free speech on this campus is sad. But without tolerance there is not much that can be done about the lack of free speech. Perhaps, instead of being offended the next time someone expresses a differing viewpoint from your own, we should stop and listen and be truly considerate of what is being said.

If tolerance were enacted in the first place, maybe people like Ward Churchill wouldn't have to resort to having to shock people to be heard in the first place and real meaning could shine through.

--Jenna Fletcher
Class of '06

BALL | FROM PAGE 2

order to get their money's worth. An opt-out policy might also encourage seniors who do not drink to attend. I have spoken with students who abstain for moral, medical or recovery reasons, who mentioned they would like to attend the Senior Ball in an atmosphere that respected their values and choices, and that didn't encourage others, through the free and unlimited access of alcohol, to make dangerous choices for themselves and their classmates. However, if there was an alternative price for those not wishing to indulge in alcoholic beverages, Muhlenberg would be sending a message to them that their decision is supported.

--Valerie Lykes
Class of '05

False track reporting

To the Editor:

As a student athlete in track and field, I am very proud of my team and all of our accomplishments, both as individuals and as a whole. I know we work very hard throughout the entire season, and it is wonderful that *The Muhlenberg Weekly* takes the time to document these accomplishments each week. We appreciate the support immensely. But, I do have a rather large complaint about the track and field write ups. There is an extraordinary amount of misprints. For example, this past weekend a very talented 1,000 meter runner was said to break the school record by over 15 minutes. This girl did in fact break the record, but not by 15 minutes, making the previous record sound ridiculous. She ran an amazing 3:07.17 to break a previously amazing 3:12.36 record. Also, athletes' times are very often misprinted, sometimes by seconds even. (And in the 55 meter hurdles, which is a sub-10-second race, this is a pretty big deal)! I have even personally experienced this problem. I unexpectedly won an event for the first time in my Muhlenberg career, but the report that was written up contained a very upsetting misprint. I often like cutting out the track articles and sending them home to my family too, but why would I send home an article saying I won the pole vault by throwing the pole vault 7 feet. It is common sense that this information is wrong. People do not usually throw pole vaults!

After reading these articles I feel that you guys are having a tough time proofreading, a skill that we are taught very early in life. We are also taught one should never turn in a paper without looking over it, just as I would hope one would never print an article with out proofreading it too. These mistakes are simple and can be easily fixed if someone would just take the time to check over their own or their peers' work. When names suddenly change, times jump or events are totally misrepresented, a normal person should be able to catch this. Plus, I know our coach carefully posts all of our results on our website after every meet, sometimes that same night. It only takes a few seconds to access this site and get the correct results to report. So, we really appreciate your effort to report to the school what our team has been up to, but please proofread your articles, because just like you guys, we want to be acknowledged correctly for all our hard work and effort too!! Thank you very much!

--Kim David
Class of '07

~Write for Op/Ed~

CONTACT
KATE ARNEY-CIMINO OR TIFFANY KIRK
KATEARNEYCIMINO@HOTMAIL.COM
KIRK2837@MUHLENBERG.EDU

What's your scholarship?

Scholarship #239 Gymnast

Find your scholarship opportunities at our re-launched Scholarship Channel.

Visit www.muhlenbergweekly.com

powered by BrokeScholar

☑ VOTE

Student Body President Elections

Tuesday March 1^{st}
8:30am-6:30pm
Seeger's Lobby

★

OLYMPICS

FROM PAGE 1

prior in order to plan on which aspects of each sport they would focus.

The basketball station focused on shooting, the tennis station taught how to use the racquets, the soccer activity demonstrated how to kick and dribble the ball and the buddies learned basic hitting and fielding techniques at the baseball station.

The athletic department supplied some of the equipment and the Office of Community Service provided the remainder of the equipment.

When the buddies arrived they were split up into six different groups and participated in a warm up, led by one of the best buddy members.

Every station lasted approximately 10 minutes, and the last 10 minutes of the event were spent doing a "big group relay" with different tasks.

"At the end of the event we had a yogurt bar for the buddies, featuring yogurt, chocolate chips, granola and water to drink," stated Schein.

While the buddies' families did not attend the event, Schein emphasized that this was important in order for the buddies to socialize with the college students and "enjoy being on their own for a bit, without their parents."

Events such as this one, while not widely publicized, are by no means rare for the Best Buddy Program.

In fact, the organization looks to hold at least five events each semester, and the members are encouraged to contact their buddy at least once a week.

Some recent events have included a dance event featuring the College's own Perkulators, bowling nights, attending sporting events and a Thanksgiving dinner.

The organization's goal is creating one-to-one friendships and to making sure everyone in the community is integrated.

Schein stated that the Special Olympics event was a success this year, and she hopes to continue it in the future.

"I would say that this has been one of our most successful events thus far, and I look forward to planning a similar event next year," she said.

Members of the Best Buddy program and student athletes teach the participants how to play different sports.

PHOTO BY AMANDA PHILLIPS

Best Buddies currently involves 70 students who have befriended 50 community members of various age groups.

The Best Buddies Program itself is a non-profit, international organization founded in 1989, that was brought to the College six years ago and has been growing in size ever since.

The last two years in particular have seen a tremendous rise in interest, with an increase of 30 to 70 members.

Despite this rise in membership, however, Best Buddies is always looking to involve more students in their program in order to befriend more community members.

"We'd love to have as many committed members as we can get," said the current head of Best Buddies, Jake McNamara '05.

Schein, echoed his sentiments saying, "It's not a huge time commitment, and it's a great way to make a real difference."

OIT seeks to mend holes in the web

By Kelly Love
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Despite a few hang-ups, the College's Office of Information Technology (OIT) is beginning to reach its goal of a more "wired" campus.

Next semester brings many changes that aim to improve our technological capabilities and further protect our computers against their untimely demise.

Two initiatives stated in the College's Strategic Plan, that OIT is working to fulfill, are directed toward improving classroom technology and strengthening the security and reliability of the campus network. Three aspects of these initiatives that OIT plans to unveil by next semester are: a new e-mail client, increased network protection and wireless Internet capabilities.

Harry Miller, Director of OIT, expects that the implementation of a new e-mail system "will allow for more functionality and capabilities than our current e-mail system."

The faculty and staff at the College already use GroupWise, the new e-mail system that will be available for students next semester, with relative ease.

Some new features that GroupWise will offer students include a calendar feature, where students can organize their many activities, as well as schedule meetings with faculty, staff and other students with a simple e-mail.

There will also be a feature where students will be able to move files back and forth easily from their computer to the e-mail client, which will facilitate sending papers to professors.

For those who have a difficult time remembering all of those letters and numbers in their classmate's e-mail address, the new e-mail client will allow for students to create an e-mail alias. This means that instead of having to remember a classmate's e-mail, you will only need to know his or her first and last name to send him or her an e-mail.

When OIT attempted to introduce increased network protection last semester, it caused many difficulties in regards to signing on to the network and receiving internet service.

As a result, the introduction of network protection was held off until the fall 2005 semester. Miller explained this difficulty by stating, "Network protection is always difficult to implement without being disruptive to Internet service, and we always try to avoid being disruptive."

> *"Configuration of the new equipment and changes to the campus network infrastructure may require a few weeks of effort."*
>
> Harry Miller,
> Director of OIT

The goal of the network enhancements is to scan each computer as the student initiates network connections, and it will only allow computers that are not dangerous onto the network. Computers that are infected with a virus or that have other vulnerabilities will be quarantined to an area where they will be able to go online to fix whatever problems they may have, but infected computers will be sequestered from the rest of the network, in order to keep viruses from spreading.

Student participation is necessary to protect our network. The first stage of implementing increased network protection is the registration of all students in residence halls.

All registration will be done online, and all students need is the network account name and password that they received in an e-mail during the summer. Students who lost this e-mail will be able to get their account name and password by bringing their ID card to the student help desk.

Students will receive an e-mail concerning the dates that they must register their computer to the network. After the dates specified, any students who have not registered their computers will be barred from going online until they register.

The only residences that will not be registered by the end of this semester are the M.I.L.E. houses, which will be able to register once all of the electronics and Internet

SEE **OIT** | PAGE 8

TSUNAMI

FROM PAGE 1

use the money that had been set aside for gifts to the colleges, and instead, donate these funds to the UNICEF South Asia Tsunami Relief Effort.

According to Iacunato's letter to Randy Helm, President of the College, UNICEF is on the scene now aiding the various governments, in addition to specifically addressing the special needs of the children who have been so greatly affected by this disaster. Included in their vast campaign of support are the organization of community activity centers, the donation of thousands of school supplies and the providing of pediatricians and nurses to the area.

Sodexho itself is already involved in South East Asia, through its management of the Bangkok Phuket Hospital. There, they have been feeding employees, rescuers and victims, as well as working closely with the Red Cross in relief efforts. Iacunato stated that the gift to UNICEF is approximately $5,000 and hopes it will lead to the improvement of schools and education in the wake of the tsunami. Support from the colleges has been "significant."

Altogether, 167 administrators contacted Sodexho about the donation. Helm applauded the decision, noting the importance of relieving "the widespread suffering in the region." So great was the response of the colleges, that Iacunato has decided to continue this charitable donation in the future, in order to "foster education on an annual basis." Meanwhile, at the College, students are working hard to promote awareness in regards to the tsunami relief effort.

Student Council approved an ad hoc committee dedicated to providing relief to the region. The committee planned and carried out a concert this past weekend. Liz Einhorn and Mike Alexander, both Class of 2005 representatives, were largely responsible for the event, which was originally the idea of Andrew Kalish, 2006 Class President, who is currently studying abroad for the semester.

Einhorn pointed out that while they raised hundreds of dollars, the main focus was to unite the various organizations on campus and raise the College Community's awareness about the suffering in South East Asia. "The committee is continuing to work hard in preparing future events, with the invaluable support of the administration," said Einhorn. Those involved in putting together the concert are expected to remain focused on relief efforts. Among them is Rachel Schein '06.

She said that they "are hoping to continue fundraising for tsunami relief and are looking for others to help." Kalish's plan called for the cooperation of the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC), but, according to Einhorn, such vast coordination "takes time." However, she and the committee are still dedicated to a cross-institutional unified gift to a specific cause in the region.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy
High: 35 Low: 20	High: 33 Low: 18	High: 40 Low: 26

DEBATE

FROM PAGE 1

Yellin concerned the reasons why each candidate wanted the office in the first place.

McLaughlin's answer concerned her desire to take the College beyond what it is achieving already. She said, "I want to take Muhlenberg to the next level."

Haney on the other hand, chose to emphasize his desire to have someone who has many connections in the community who can bring those connections to Student Council.

"I have worked with a lot of different people," he stated. "All these people have great ideas and input...I want to reach out to the Student Body and listen to what they have to say."

In response to the third and final question of the debate, which asked each candidate to give their greatest strength and weakness, Fine stated that his greatest strength is his "open-mindedness."

Fine elaborated by saying that he gets this ability from his extensive history with music, while also mentioning that this also makes him easily persuaded.

According to Freedman, his greatest strengths are his "interpersonal skills" and his ability "to work with other people."

Freedman did follow up by saying, however, that his greatest weakness is his tendency to "take charge" and look beyond others, following up by saying that this is something he has worked on and in fact improved.

Following the round of questions delivered by Yellin, the floor was open to questions from the crowd. In regard to his lack of experience on Student Council, Haney was asked how he thought not being on Student Council would either help or hinder his abilities to perform the job.

He began his response by clarifying that he is not completely lacking in experience, serving as a Vice-President of his class. He said that through that role, he "knows how it works."

He followed up by saying that he would be looking forward to "learn[ing] what they have been working on as well as bring[ing] new ways to address issues. It would be an exciting learning process."

In response to her earlier statement about her concerns for crime around campus, McLaughlin was asked whether she had any specific ideas she could mention about things other schools have done.

She stated that she read about Hofstra's problem with sexual assault and what they did.

She stated that one thing they did was "cut back shrubbery" so nobody could hide behind them. Another idea she suggested was rethinking the value of the Blue Light system. "How much are they actually used?" she asked.

The conclusion of the debate was met with two minutes of closing statements by each candidate, where they all made their final ploy for why they are best suited for the position.

Freedman stated that the College needs a Student Body President who has two aspects of trust. One, between himself and students, and two, trust between himself and the administration.

McLaughlin said that she should have the job because she is available, highly active, and "willing to listen to you."

Fine, who made his closing statement brief, simply stated that he would be a "fresh face on the council scene."

Haney concluded the debate by saying that he has a "strong reputation for leadership and a strong resume for leadership."

OFF CAMPUS

ALLENTOWN'S TENT CITY BULLDOZED

ALLENTOWN, PA – By noon on Monday, the Public Works Department cleared the tents and shacks that were scattered along the property north of Basin Street.

Police had given those individuals inhabiting the area until Monday to leave.

According to Audrey Cashman, city spokeswoman, the site will be used as a staging area for public works.

The public works department will use the area to store piles of gravel and stone for its road and public water projects.

According to Kern, who is supervising the Parks Department, there are plans to transform the site into the park system. It could contain hiking and biking trails that would eventually connect to other nearby park areas.

Officials gave the homeless information about shelters and other assistance, but nobody from Tent City had checked in by 8 p.m. at the Allentown Rescue Mission.

According to officials, the winter was probably the best time to get rid of Tent City because its population was at its low point.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY STALKER CAUGHT

BETHLEHEM, PA – On Saturday, Frederic C. Hernandez, 34, of 839 E. Fourth St., was arraigned on three counts each of burglary and criminal trespass, four counts of loitering and prowling at night, as well as two counts each of open lewdness and indecent exposure.

Hernandez was apprehended after students saw a man looking into their home, and previous victims pointed him out in a lineup.

Since last summer, at least three Lehigh students had reported waking up to find a man in their bedrooms.

Hernandez was sent to Northampton County Prison under $500,000 bail.

When interviewed by police Friday, Hernandez told police that he began looking into homes in the summer and would return to certain homes to watch women he liked.

Police said that they plan to file more charges against Hernandez this week for another related crime in addition to more that may be filed if other victims come forward.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

Students work and play in same space

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

Students most often think about their living arrangements and course selection as two separate entities.

A new program at the College, however, combines these two and offers students a different kind of learning experience.

The Living Learning Experience began this year at the College. The program allows students to live together and take one course per semester in their living environment.

This year 19 students are participating in the program and live in the Hillcrest House.

The Living Learning Experience is part of the College's Strategic Plan to develop Living-Learning communities.

The students involved not only spend social time living together in a single house, but they also use the space for academics.

Larry Hass, Associate Professor of Philosophy, is currently teaching Philosophy East and West as part of the program.

He enjoys going into the students' space to teach. He said there is often a separation in students' minds between their living and social life and their academic life. He said, "This program breaks down the wall completely."

The relaxed atmosphere of the class setup is not strictly limited to those participating in the Living Learning Experience.

According to Janette Schumacher, Director of Residential Services, the classes that are part of the program are offered for other students after those in the program have registered.

Because the courses for both semesters this year needed to be arranged last year, there were more conflicts with the spring semester course.

In addition, due to scheduling conflicts, only a little over half the class is made up of students in the Living Learning Experience this semester.

The courses offered through the program are not special courses and are meant to fit under multiple areas. Schumacher said this is to encourage participation among students from different class years and majors.

Currently, two seniors, two juniors and 15 sophomores are part of the program, and there are more women than men. Schumacher said they are a diverse group of students, coming from a variety of majors.

There is an application process to be accepted in the Living Learning Experience. The program is open to students with any major and any year except first-year students.

Schumacher said applications will be available on the Residential Services website hopefully before Spring Break.

The applications will most likely be due at the end of March, and any student who is not accepted will receive a lottery number for the housing lottery.

Schumacher said that although every student who applied gained acceptance into the program, if the number of applicants increases, some students may have to be turned away since the house can only hold 24 students.

She said, "I'm looking for people with a genuine interest in the program. It's different than living in a double in ML." The Hillcrest House has two floors of bedrooms. There are triples, doubles and singles available for students in the program.

After students are accepted, they choose who will live where and with whom. The classroom area of the house has a dry erase board and tables and chairs. There is also a room next to the classroom area with an office phone and a desk.

Schumacher said that other colleges have similar programs to the Living Learning Experience, in which they offer a number of classes that the students may take together. She said that these programs are usually offered at larger institutions in order to give participants the feel of a small, intimate environment.

The College chose to have only one class through the program because it is already a small institution. Schumacher said, "It's a nice connection but allows them to take other courses."

The program was developed with a number of faculty members. Schumacher said Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College, Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service, Christopher Borick, Associate Professor of Political Science and Hass were all involved.

The Living Learning Experience will take place in the Hillcrest House next year, but Schumacher hopes to expand the program after that.

Hass said he likes the idea that students come to class right from their rooms with breakfast. He said, "I don't think students need to be sitting in my rows in order to learn."

"Were it left up to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

-Thomas Jefferson

To write for *The Muhlenberg Weekly* News Section Contact:

Robin
Ext. 5496

Seniors! Juniors! Prospective Interns!

Tired of seeing job announcements requiring years of experience?
Interview with employers seeking NEW COLLEGE GRADUATES!
Reach 100 Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania employers under one roof!

LEHIGH VALLEY
COLLEGIATE
CAREER EXPO

Wednesday, March 2, 2005
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The Holiday Inn, Fogelsville, PA (Junction Route 100 & 22/I-78)

Sponsored by Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC),
Albright College, Alvernia College,
Cedar Crest College, DeSales University, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania,
Lehigh Carbon Community College, Lehigh University, Lehigh Valley College,
Moravian College, Muhlenberg College, Northampton Community College,
PSU-Berks-Lehigh & Reading Area Community College

This is a FREE EVENT, one copy of your resume required at the door
Professional interview attire is required
Bring 30-50 copies of your resume
Come prepared to be interviewed

Log on to www.lvcce.org for more info
Contact the Career Planning Office for resume/interview advice

OIT

FROM PAGE 5

connections in those houses are upgraded. The most anticipated of the technological advances being made at the College is the launching of wireless Internet access in certain locations on campus.

By the end of the semester, OIT expects to have wireless Internet access in the Trexler Library, the Powerhouse Café and in Trumbower 48, which is a computer facility in the lower level of the building.

These wireless hotspots will be protected by 128 bit encoding in order to ensure that only students, staff and faculty can utilize the Internet in these areas.

In order to go online, students will have to go to a specified location on the Information Technology website, where they will enter their Muhlenberg e-mail address.

The website will then send an e-mail to the student where he will receive a web-access key that will allow him to use the wireless Internet. OIT plans to explore options for additional hotspots on campus and suggestions from students will be considered in making these decisions.

In response to the difficulties with America Online (AOL) Instant Messenger, OIT is pursuing a recommendation they received from Cisco Systems (a college vendor).

Miller commented that, "AOL is still not engaged in the resolution of the problem; thus, the recommendation lacks the desirable level of certainty."

This solution to the current AIM problem looks promising, however, and all the necessary equipment has been ordered and is expected to arrive sometime in March.

Miller warns that, "Configuration of the new equipment and changes to the campus network infrastructure, may require a few weeks of effort."

Testing will begin as soon as the necessary configurations have been made, and hopefully the solution that OIT is working on will resolve the AIM problems. The goal of all of these changes that OIT is instituting is to promote collaborative computing on campus, or in other words, to provide opportunities for the campus community to work together on computers.

Some upcoming plans that may be introduced in coming semesters are the redesigning of computer labs to allow for collaborative computing as well as expansions on the changes already taking place.

Campus wrapped up in Condom Week

By Andrew Hall
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

As part of a program headed nationwide by Planned Parenthood and on campus by Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services, a booth was set up in Seegers Union last week, offering students pamphlets of information on STDs in addition to giving out condoms.

While it has been going on for many years through Planned Parenthood, the College has only been holding Condom Week on campus since Kelly started working here six years ago. There was no opposition on campus, but there were some small protests nationwide.

> *"We were there to promote safe sex and help people be more happy. This is an issue that needs to be talked about."*
>
> Anita Kelly,
> Director of Counseling Services

"We were there to promote safe sex and help people be more happy," said Kelly. "This is an issue that needs to be talked about. It's natural and healthy and is something that really needs to be promoted."

While the booth in Seegers was scheduled to be there from Feb. 14 until Feb. 18, the student response was too overwhelming.

According to Kelly, "there are anywhere from 2,000 to 5,000 condoms available at the event each year."

The available condoms that were provided by the Counseling Center, the Health Center and Planned Parenthood, however, only lasted a single day.

Despite the quick disappearance of everything provided by the booth, it is no guarantee that the Student Body is aware of the activity.

"I didn't even know there was a booth set up," said Zoe Fox '08. "It would have been nice to know the school was making an effort to reach out to students about sex."

There were posters on the walls of Seegers, but the event did not get as much publicity as was hoped.

If you wanted condoms and were not able to get them, there was still other information available. Included in Condom Week is information on STDs, HIV, alcohol use and sex.

This information included the locations and phone numbers of local Planned Parenthoods along with information on how to properly use the provided condoms.

While the Counseling Center is proud of its involvement in Condom Week, they hope to be able to make condoms more accessible to students throughout the entire school year.

"We need to have specific locations where students can obtain condoms since we don't have any machines in the residence halls," explained Kelly. "There have been requests for this in the past, and hopefully the school will begin to look into this as a serious possibility."

The Counseling Center and the Health Center in the Life Sports Center both offer free condoms to students.

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 15 – Theft – A student reported his LG silver cell phone stolen. He said he last saw the phone on Feb. 5 when he was visiting a friend at the Phi Kappa Tau house.

Feb. 15 – Institutional Vandalism – A green Ford Explorer parked on the grass outside MacGregor Village caused considerable damage to the area.

Feb. 16 – Theft – Three baseball team practice uniforms were stolen from the Life Sports Center.

Feb. 17 – Injured Employee – A dining services employee tripped over a cart, fell and was bleeding from the mouth. The employee was transported to Healthworks.

Feb. 17 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2216 Liberty St. due to smoke from cooking.

Feb. 17 – Theft – A yellow parking sticker with the number 1019 was stolen.

Feb. 18 – Sick Visitor – A non-student at 2333 Liberty Street, who was over 21, had been drinking and was vomiting. The Allentown Police Department called EMS.

Feb. 18 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2411 Liberty St. due to burnt popcorn.

Feb. 18 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Two students as well as one non-student who was the brother of a student, were found to be drinking in East Hall. The two students were referred to the judicial process and the non-student was given a letter of trespass.

Feb. 19 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A rock was thrown through the rear windshield of a vehicle that was parked in the Sigma Phi Epsilon parking lot.

Feb. 19 – Noise Complaint – Students were running through the halls of Brown Hall making a lot of noise. Two students were referred to the judicial process after having a peanut butter and popcorn battle in the room.

Feb. 19 – Institutional Vandalism – The handrail on the west side of the steps leading from the Hillcrest House to MacGregor Village was kicked off. Last week, the east side railing was damaged and then repaired by Plant Operations.

Feb. 19 – Hit and Run – The railroad ties at the top of Prosser Drive were struck by a vehicle. The incident was not reported.

Feb. 19 – Injured Student – A student injured his right ankle in the Life Sports Center. He stated that his father was a doctor and refused transport to the hospital.

Feb. 19 – Hit and Run – A student's car that was parked in the Seegers Union parking lot was struck.

Feb. 20 – Institutional Vandalism – The second floor bathroom of Walz Hall was trashed. There were two broken chairs, shaving cream all over and cut hair thrown everywhere.

Feb. 20 – Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Underage individuals were found drinking in Prosser Hall. One student was referred to the judicial process and one 17-year-old non-student had his parents notified.

Feb. 20 – Harassment – The student on student harassment was referred to the judicial process.

Feb. 20 – A black and gray fleece North Face jacket was reported stolen from Walz Hall. There were no signs of forced entry.

Feb. 21 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A delivery truck struck two illegally parked student vehicles in the Seegers Union parking lot.

Feb. 21 – Theft – A student reported that a Motorola cell phone was stolen from the C Level of the Trexler Library.

Feb. 21 – Institutional Vandalism – A window of a room in East Hall was broken. It appears the cause was snowballs.

WEEKLY

life!

"Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here we should dance."
-Unknown

Tsunami relief in the Empie Theatre

Concert entertains and informs

By Cara Scharf
Weekly Life! Writer

The tsunami that ravaged several countries bordering the Indian Ocean may have happened two months ago, but it has in no way disappeared from the minds of people throughout the world.

In past weeks, there has been a large effort to send aid to the tsunami victims for the purpose of helping them rebuild and prevent further disasters from happening. Even within our own College Community, there are students who are dedicated to making a contribution to this effort.

Last Sunday, the Tsunami Relief Benefit Concert was held in the Empie Theater. The program included student and faculty performers and speakers and two slide shows. People attending the concert were urged to make donations at the door.

Liz Einhorn '05, with help from the community, put the concert together. She said, "the key thing was that we really wanted to promote awareness and understanding about what a tsunami was. We had a committee that brought people together from all different areas on campus. We tried to integrate faculty with student performers and a multimedia slideshow."

The concert did, in fact, accomplish this goal by combining appropriate entertainment and speakers that explained different aspects of the tsunami and its impact. The student performers who volunteered for the effort include The Dynamics, The Crush (a student band featuring Heather Glotzer '06, Mike Alexander '05 and Ty Hooker-Haring '08), Melissa Nadel '05 on the piano, The Girls Next Door, Einhorn, Amanda Palmer '07 and Mike Alexander singing John Lennon's song "Imagine," and Ed Bara singing "The Impossible Dream" from *Man of La Mancha.*

In terms of speakers, the first was President Helm. He mentioned the fact that several animals in the affected countries seemed to have a sixth sense about the tsunami, and they managed to extricate themselves before any real damage occurred.

But, he added, although these animals may have been a bit more intuitive than us humans, the extraordinary thing about our race is that we have the ability to feel compassion and to band together in an effort to provide help for our fellow man.

The concert and the amazing support that it got were a great example of this point. After the president, Richard Niesenbaum, Associate Professor of Biology spoke and presented a slideshow about what causes a tsunami and also how further tsunamis can be prevented by technology that detects changes in the level of ocean water. His presentation was informative but also a bit critical of the lack of scientific measures to predict the tsunami earlier. However, it promoted awareness of the necessity for science in circumstances like this, and hopefully in the future we will be more alert.

Then S. Hashim, Assistant Professor of Political Science gave a few words about the economic effects of the tsunami and how natural disasters such as this affect impoverished countries more deeply than wealthier nations. His message was one of encouragement, urging audience members to donate and take steps to affect political decisions that in turn will allow our country to use its power and wealth

SEE **TSUNAMI** | PAGE 10

Mike Alexander '05, Heather Glotzer '06 and Ty Hooker-Haring '08 take the stage to lend their talents to the tsunami relief effort.

Photo by Erin Cairns

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

HOW DO YOU EAT STRING CHEESE?

"I start by peeling little pieces off but usually I get too impatient and bite it."

-Elizabeth Seavy '08

"I don't like cheese unless it's on something."

-Jonathan Lightcap '05

"First, I wait 'til its warm. Then, I peel it as thin as possible. The longer it takes the better I'm doing."

-David Yaron '08

"Carefully!."

-Robert J. Wagner '07

"I can't eat it because I'm allergic to cheese."

-Karla Auermuller '07

Venturing into the Unknown:

Interracial dating in today s society

Christina Liciaga
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

IN THE *NUDE*

In honor of Black History Month, the attendance at the Rahzel concert last weekend and Census reports of over 1.5 million interracial marriages, this column is devoted to the long and tortured history of black sex in the United States--ranging from adversity and secrecy during slavery, to the 171 percent increase of black women-white men marriages between 1980 and 1995.

My personal dating experience is very multicultural: my first love was a Southern black man in the merchant marines, and my second love was a white urban Englishman.

I have dated men of many cultures, races and religions and am one of the 30 percent of Latinas likely to marry outside of my race. According to NYTimes columnist Nicholas Kristof and Pew Research, I'm not alone: 40 percent of Americans have dated someone of another race and 70 percent of whites and 82 percent of blacks approved of interracial dating.

Considering the head-bobbing, free-styling, two-stepping atmosphere of Rahzel's concert, one would think the grossly homogenous culture at the College might actually be hip to the interracial trend. Yet, according to Muhlenberg students, the highlight of the performance, "If Your Mother Only Knew...," was more akin to the truth: for the white majority audience, the prospect of an interracial relationship might in fact lead to the consequences suggested in the lyrics: abandonment and displacement.

Interestingly, similar to Foucalt's reading of "discourse," hip-hop culture has created spheres for addressing race and romance, but limits our conversations and actions. Point of fact: how many of you have ever fantasized about a member of another racial group? And, how many. of you readers have ever engaged in an interracial relationship?

The contradicting nature of our passions toward and our actual participation in interracial sexual relationships is a product of the roots of such relationships: Post-Pangea, persons of African decent have been enslaved, abused and discriminated against for centuries. Enslavement birthed stereotypes of raw, sordid, instinctual sex, latent with desire, which attracted white women to black men in the 19th century.

The 20th century is equally contentious. Under the guise of science, investigators (Purcas 1905; Jacobus 1937; DeRachewiltz 1964) concluded that: (1) black men and women are guided by "bestial instinct"; (2) black men are animalistic in bed; (3) black men have larger penises than white men; (4) black men are obsessed with the idea of having sex with white women; (6) all black women are promiscuous. This idea of secular sex, although not empirically true, liberated black sex from the strictures of God's rules and will, creating its appeal.

These stereotypes have yet to change, and are often propagated by contemporary black culture. Destiny's Child's "Soldier" is a perfect example: three attractive black women seeking protection and strength from a man who "carries big things, if you know what I mean."

And yet, apart from knowing the lyrics, the majority of non-black students at the College really don't know what they mean.

Whether the hesitancy toward interracial relationships is the fault of the "other" (here the white majority) or self-imposed is unknown, but it is no secret that black-white relationships are often considered a sell out by blacks. Consider, for example *Ebony s* 10

SEE **SEX** | PAGE 12

TSUNAMI | FROM PAGE 9

to help other, less fortunate countries.

Interspersed between these readings and performances were two slideshows put together by Mike Alexander. The first was a montage of news footage and pictures, and the second was a more hopeful presentation that showed relief efforts and rebuilding.

Einhorn commented that, "Dr. Jim Schneider taught us how media can be used as a voice for change, and so the slideshows were really influenced by him."

When asked how she thought the concert went, Einhorn said, "it went very well. We had a good turnout; the event achieved everything we wanted it to. I've gotten a lot of positive feedback from both students and the administration."

The concert raised over 400 dollars, but Einhorn stressed that it wasn't as much about the money as it was about promoting awareness in the community, which it did very effectively.

Easter Break

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on March 24, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on March 28, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.!
There will be *no* access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:
- Academic responsibility (ie: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay there is a $25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays. Forms are available at www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by March 15, 2005. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Are We There Yet?
Fri. 4:50, 7:50
Sat. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50
Sun.1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Constantine
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20,10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Hitch
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Man of the House
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Because of Winn-Dixie
Fri. 4:10, 7:10
Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Wedding Date
Fri. 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 7:20

Son of the Mask
Fri. 5:00, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 5:00, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

Million Dollar Baby
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

MTA *Pirates* Gilbert & Sullivan

By Dan McClung
Asst. Life! Editor

The Muhlenberg Theatre Association's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* opened in the Baker Theatre last Friday. Both weekends in the week-long string of performances of the show had completely sold out days before, and at this point one will be hard pressed to find any seats left.

Essentially, *Pirates* concerns itself over young Frederic (Joel Frank '07) who has reached his 21st year and can terminate his indenture to the infamous "Pirates of Penzance." Subsequently, after mulling over his options through extravagant song and dance, he decides to venture from the pirates in search of a beautiful woman.

Luck turns out to be on his side, for he happens upon not one but twelve. Several silly songs and physical gags later a romance/political satire arises, but that ends rather abruptly and everyone lives happily ever after.

Ultimately, this is certainly not a plot-driven piece of musical theatre. By the end of it all, nothing very substantial has really occurred, and there's no legitimate reason why the audience should really care for the characters to any substantial degree. This isn't much of a surprise: William S. Gilbert was never really known for expansive plot.

His expertise lies in crafting satirical situations and humorous dialogue. The writing itself is successful on account of the fact that most of what Gilbert wrote over a century ago is still quite funny today. Sullivan's music is also distinctive in its quasi-operatic form. Ultimately, it ends up satirizing the vocal style from which it is derived, and that adds to the humor.

The MTA production, helmed by Muhlenberg Theatre Department Head Charles Richter, is faithful to Gilbert and Sullivan's original composition in terms of its production. Costumes are elaborate, and the presentation places the operetta in its original 19th Century context.

The only disturbance is a stuffed *Spongebob* which is needlessly inserted into the final chorus number in the first Act, as if there weren't enough references to that irritating television phenomenon.

Yet, despite the quality of the original material, this production just doesn't work. Much of Gilbert's comedic dialogue is either underutilized physically, or grossly overdone.

The material, due to its satirical nature, merits a certain degree of overacting and ridiculous behavior. In this production, however, the ridiculous behavior is inconsistent, and some of the actors just go way too far into the realm of comedic redundancy and bizarre pantomime, which becomes increasingly more irritating as the production progresses.

The rather conventional blocking style contributed to the inconsistency. There is one scene in the second act when three of the actors are singing with very little movement on one corner of the stage while the rest remains barren. With music and lyrics as effervescent as that of Gilbert and Sullivan, this type of presentation did not compliment the material.

Another issue, at least on Friday's performance, was the recurring situation in which a few of the actors sang off tempo with the music. Some entire lines of vocals were off, and it is unclear as to whether this was a rehearsal issue or if the conductor simply wasn't visible enough for the actors with all of the extensive set lighting.

Lest I come across too negatively, it should be said that these issues do not impede the show from being entertaining. Acting is generally decent, and Richter has good command over the material and manages to present the material well.

A large percentage of the audience will enjoy this production due to its universal appeal, and so it succeeds on that level. Yet, looking at the piece as a theatrical work of art, it lacks coherence of presentation and the courage to do something unconventional with the now aging material.

"I see you're drinking one percent. Is that cause you think you're fat? Because you're not. You could be drinking whole if you wanted."

Looking for more compliments like this one? We can't promise you anything, but if you aren't a "frickin' idiot," then WRITE FOR LIFE! You might just get a "sweet!" thrown your way!
CONTACT: Sarah at daisyg293@aol.com Ext. 4455

The Joys of Coffee

By Sarah Smith
Asst. Life! Editor

THIS IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF COFFEE SHOP REVIEWS. ALL REVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE COLLEGE AREA, AND EACH WILL BE CENTERED ON RATING THE TASTE OF COFFEE. ALL RATINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A SCALE OF 1-10 FOR EACH ITEM CONSUMED; EACH SHOP WILL ALSO BE RATED ON CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE, AND VALUE. AN AVERAGE RATING IS GIVEN AT THE END OF EACH REVIEW.

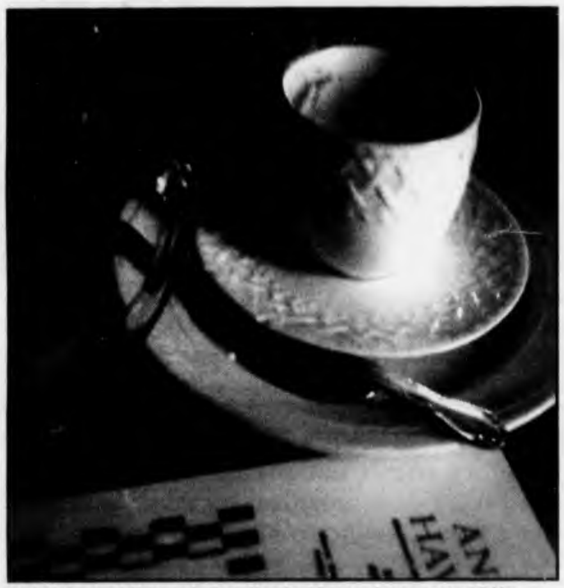

A table setting at Anylise's Hava Java on 19th Street.

PHOTO BY LAUREN WIESNER

On 526 N. 19th Street, rests a small coffeehouse that proclaims it is "Allentown's original espresso and cappuccino bar." Anylise's Hava Java is a place of no consequence snuggled in between the other stores that make up the 19th street experience. But it's importance to many reverberates by the interesting and diverse people that it draws in. It serves as a local gathering place for teens and families alike, offering an environment for good conversation and quiet reflection.

When you first walk in, you immediately notice the hundreds of mugs and teacups dangling in rows from the ceiling. From ceramic to china, classic designs to one of a kind finds, the wooden beamed ceiling is a collection of the owner's treasures. The floor echoes decades past with its black and white checkerboard style, and a tiled mosaic serves as a welcome mat. The sound of percolating coffee can be heard over the light orchestral music coming from the stereo perched up on a high wooden bookcase. This is a place you could come to on cold wintry days and just look out the windows or browse through

SEE **JAVA** | PAGE 12

Don't Be A Fool, Be A MULE!

Muhlenberg Recycles!

Buy a Reusable Mug at

the POWERHOUSE

Receive Coffee Refills for only $1.40 from the Powerhouse Café and Java Joe's and only $.90 from GQ!

horoscopes

By Philli D'Vine and the writers of *Old School*

Aries

"True love is hard to find, sometimes you think you have true love and then you catch the early flight home from San Diego and a couple of nude people jump out of your bathroom blindfolded like a goddamn magic show ready to double team your girlfriend." I really hope this never happens to you. It's honestly not funny. I mean...excuse me, I just shot soda out my nose.

Taurus

"Well why don't you give me your number in case anything happens to my wife." I honestly had no idea you felt that way about me. Honestly, you are the king of romantic sentiments. Men, listen up--girls don't like to be second in line. Not even for a nanosecond. They say they do, but it's lies--all lies. If she says don't call, well you'd better pick up the phone.

Gemini

"Mind the stepchildren." Have you been neglecting those around you that you've deemed less important? Just because some of your so-called "friends" might be hidden behind the bigger things in your life does not mean they can survive without a little love now and then. Treat 'em nice, treat 'em well, and trust me, they'll do the same for you in the end.

Cancer

"I see Blue! He looks glorious!" He does look rather good, doesn't he? Actually, to be perfectly honest, if your into the type of men (or women) from the pre-WWII era, you might want to reevaluate your interests. If you really want to pick up Granny Lou or Uncy Bernie you're going to have to sharpen your bridge skills, stock up on large print novels, and buy Depends.

Leo

"And that's now why I have a lazy eye." Ok, now you're just blaming other people for your troubles. This week isn't looking good, but don't blame the GR when you suffer from severe stomach pains. Perhaps it will be due to lack of sleep, too much beer or test anxiety, but you can bet that you'll be craving the Tums in a few days.

Virgo

"It tastes so good when it hits your lips." You are addicted--to coffee. One hundred perecent. That twitching, that anxious feeling--its all due to lack of java. What do I sugggest? Why, a trip to Hava Java, Dunkin Donuts, or even, if you have, to GQ. Desperate times call for desperate measures--even, sometimes, Seattles Best.

Libra

"We're going streaking!" Break out the tanning oil and razors! Your bum is going to be seen by the entire College! Actually, it will really just be by a hall in Prosser when you step out from a frat party with your "sisters" for a hot minute. Not that that's ever happened to me. But you can imagine what it'd be like if it did. Here's to four years of freshmen toasting your butt.

Scorpio

"You're my boy, Blue!" I think you're being a little possessive, actually. Yes, I know I'm your friend, but I don't really think that means we have to hang out all the time. And the sonnets are a little creepy, as are the notes in my mail. In order to memorize a box number, you've got to be a little crazy. No, no I like you a lot, just not in that way. Back away slowly.

Sagittarius

"You think I like avoiding my wife and kids to hangout with nineteen year old girls everyday? To be perfecly honest, yes. In fact, it would be weird if you wanted to be responsible while there's a collection of little hotties waiting for you. This week brings you some bad news, however. All I have to say, my friends, is that you should have paid more attention to Condom Week.

Capricorn

"You just took one in the jugular, man." A true friend takes a few hits for his fellows. Or even a dart in the neck. But let's not be a fool now. When that hot chicky-poo in the corner comes over, and she's TOTALLY into you, don't wait around for the men. If these are any kind of friends, they'll understand being left for that little dish. Girls, this does not apply.

Aquarius

"We're talking about a non-exclusive egalitarian brotherhood where community status and more importantly age have bearing whatsoever. " This week you will run into an elderly Scottish gentleman who is pledging a fraterity. His name is Alasdair. Do not talk to him. Don't poke him in the eye. Just give him your left shoe and retreat, lassie.

Pisces

"Honey, do you think KFC is still open?" Today you will eat lots of KFC, including mash and chicken. And you will like it. And then you will give me some, you selfish jerk. Wow, I'm hungry. Wawa perhaps...or Wendy's. I'm feeling doughnuts. And lots of water. Anyone wanna drive me to Perkins? Awesome, dude, awesome.

SEX | FROM PAGE 10

Hottest Couples: Will and Jada Pinkett Smith and Senator Barack and Michelle Obama were there, but what about Taye Diggs and Idina Menzel or Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren?

And in the black-man's blockbuster (amazing that these lists exist) after *Malcolm X* and *The Color Purple*, are a sequence of romantic comedies featuring Morris Chestnut and (ironically) Taye Diggs, that either explicitly or implicitly reveal the need for black sex not to be tinted. As a reflection of our society, entertainment poses a poignant question: why can't races mix?

The answers of history, social constraints and empathy seem valid. In a time when economics are beginning to define social classes; when Latinos and Eastern Asians are complicating the white/black disparage; when hip hop is the fastest growing culture nationwide; today, are we still persuaded that black and white is in fact Jungle Fever?

Perhaps Freud was right in stating that hedonism still motivates our sexual desires as a reenactment of autoeroticism achieved during infantile sexuality. So ultimately, is our sexual desire really a self-love?

These approaches suggest that as a species, we only seek to procreate amongst ourselves, and as a being, we seek for elements of ourselves in our sexual partner. Is this true? And if valid, can it explain the historical black/white divide and, contrastingly, the growing occurrence of interracial relationships? Randall Kennedy, author of "Interracial Intimacies: Sex, Marriage, Identity and Adoption," identifies questions of interracial intimacy as the focus for advancing our national conversation about race.

Although criticized for his optimism, I believe Kennedy is right to begin the advancement of our society and race relations with matters of the heart, and furthermore to devote himself in his affections to loving and making love not to a skin color, but to a person, who coincidently is part of the human race.

JAVA | FROM PAGE 11

the wall of pamphlets advertising local events. Green shades on the lamps provide intimate lighting and blankets are offered by the newspapers.

Anylise's Hava Java offers fine gourmet coffees, espresso cappuccino, a light menu and homemade baked goods. The counter is overflowing with plump muffins wrapped in cellophane and a basket advertises jumbo scones. Within their glass cases, pumpkin pie, butter pound cake and double chocolate sour cream cake announce their tastiness while many others rest in the background. A variety of items were sampled during a weekend visit. Amanda Phillips '05 ordered a chai tea and remarked that it was "mild and reminded [her] of mulling spices, in a good way." It was $3.25, not bad for a good-sized, frothy drink served in a glass mug and not a paper cup. She did say that the drink could have been warmer, however. **Rating: 6.5.**

Lauren Wiesner '05 ordered a Mexican hot chocolate. When asked what was in it, she said, "I don't know, it was really good." Her drink was only $2.25, although it was the same size as the chai drink. **Rating: 9.86537.**

Dan McClung '08 and Sarah Smith '07 both ordered small mocha cappuccinos, served in teacups and plates with whipped cream,. each were $3.50. Although, it was a little bit pricey, Smith thought it was a piece of divinity. Having been on the campus for so long, only tasting the sad excuse for coffee in the GQ and the slightly better quality of Java Joe's, she had forgotten what really good coffee tastes like. **Rating: 9.5.**

Laura Russell '05 got a large, regular coffee and while stroking the large, black mug, remarked that it was "nice and strong." The drink cost her a respectable $2.00, which is not bad for a huge cup of rich coffee. **Rating: 8.**

Anylise's is also known for its homemade baked goods. Smith ordered the quiche that was quickly served piping hot with broccoli and melted cheese. Its flaky crust won her over though and at $3.25, she thought it was worth the mouthwatering experience. The only flaw was that the piece was rather small in size. **Rating: 7.5.**

McClung '08 ordered a chicken salad sandwich served on rye bread ($4.99) and the double chocolate sour cream cake ($2.75). He rated the overall meal as a "euphoric experience." **Sandwich Rating: 7. Cake Rating: 9.**

In general, Anylise's Hava Java received a **9 for atmosphere, 8 for cleanliness**, and **6 for value**. Some of the baked goods were a bit over priced, although the large regular coffee at $2.00 still stands as a bargain. Its atmosphere promoted relaxation and comfort and the bathroom was small, but served its purpose.

Along the walls of the establihment, newspaper articles taped to the white, plastered wall announced Anylise's as "Not the same old grind" and begged, "Coffee lovers--take heart." The headlines mirrored the feelings that the four visitors had for the small coffee shop as they left and headed back to campus. With its close proximity to the College, good eats and warm java, Anylise's is not to be missed. the overall average rating for atmosphere, cleanliness, value and taste was high. **Rating: 8.15.**

Mule Profile-- Jumping Juniors

Optimistic Jimmy O' Brien takes control

By Jess Anselmi
Weekly Sports Writer

A 6'5" power forward, Junior Jimmy O'Brien has been a key force on the court for the Mules this season. Ranking second on the team in rebounding and third in scoring, O'Brien is one of the primary Mule powerhouses on the court, averaging 27 minutes per game.

During his sophomore season, O'Brien was named Centennial Conference player of the week multiple times and was also voted Lehigh Small College Scholar Athlete of the month. Finishing the 2004 season ranked fifteenth in the Centennial Conference in scoring, he was averaging 12.8 points a game. He was also thirteenth in the Centennial Conference in rebounds with an average of 5.6 a game. He led the Centennial Conference shooting from three-point range at 47 percent and was second on the team in rebounding, shooting, assists and steals. In addition, he was named to the Scotty Wood All-Tournament team and was honored as an All-Conference honorable mention.

Junior Jimmy O'Brien exemplifies poise as he waits downcourt.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Hailing from East Stroudsburg, Pa, O'Brien played four years of basketball and added football to his repertoire during his last two years at East Stroudsburg South High School. A captain and All-Region player in both sports his senior year, O'Brien was also voted the team's Most Valuable Player for basketball. O'Brien also excels academically. A Business Administration major with a Marketing concentration, he was named to the Centennial Conference Weekly Honor Roll four times for his academic success.

As this season comes to an end, O'Brien looks to the 2005-2006 season and the people that will be along for his one last ride--his final season. "Coach [Dave Maderia] has stuck with us through all of our tough times. He really cares about us as players and as people."

O'Brien also feels a close bond with his teammates: "The camaraderie is great. Everyone gets along, and we all hang out a lot. We're really going to miss the seniors. We have a great team overall, and I am excited to spend more time with the guys coming back next year."

Parental and student support also played a role in the team's morale this season, according to O'Brien. "My parents come to as many home games as they can. As far as students, Dave Levine and Mike Cassell, both sophomores, pretty much come to every home and away game. We hope to build on their involvement and have even better fan support next season."

Narrowly missing the Centennial Conference playoffs this season, O'Brien is excited and optimistic about next year. He said, "We have a great team foundation, and as long as we work hard and rely on one another, I think making it to the playoffs is an attainable goal."

All-Around Student Athlete Kristin Piscadlo

By Jess Anselmi
Weekly Sports Writer

Junior Kristin Piscadlo has taken on a huge leadership role this season for the Mules. As the team's starting point guard, her name tops numerous statistical categories: she leads the team in scoring (11.8 ppg), assists (98) and steals (92).

Second on the team for three-pointers (51), Piscadlo also leads the Conference in assists and ranks fourth in assist-to-turnover ratio. Overall, she is only the third player in team history to claim two double digit assist games in the same season, and she ranks third all-time in three-pointers (113) and fourth in assists (249).

In addition to her success on the court, Piscadlo was named to the C.C. Honor Roll this season and selected to the "Team of the Month" and "Team of the Year" rosters, which are compromised of the best players from local colleges. Piscadlo was named to the Scotty Wood All-Tournament team this season.

Piscadlo came to the College from Somerset, NJ, where she played eight years of Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball for the "Rising Stars". She attended Immaculata High School, and although she was captain and all-area Most Valuable Player her senior year, she claims a different leadership role now. "Surprisingly, I wasn't a role player in high school. I was a hard working part of my team, but statistical books-wise, I was no different than anyone else. At Muhlenberg, however, I find that as a point guard you always need to be some type of leader, which is what I strive to be everyday," said Piscadlo.

Piscadlo has established herself as a dedicated member of the College. She and fellow teammates live in group-oriented housing, where they represent the community service group the team founded, Athletes Across the Atlantic.

"We decided to put this [group] together ourselves. It hasn't spread outside of Muhlenberg yet, but we are trying to make it a widespread cause," said Piscadlo. So far the Athletics Across the Atlantic has raised money for breast cancer awareness, the tsunami relief effort and the homeless.

Junior Kristen Piscadlo protects the ball as she drives towards the basket.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

A Communication major, Piscadlo wants to coach as a graduate assistant and looks to her current coach for guidance. "He always tries to do what's best for us, putting the team first. And because I want to coach, he's a great role model in that respect. He's been through a lot for this team," said Piscadlo. With one more season to go, Piscadlo hopes that her senior year will include a trip to the Conference playoffs. "It has always been a goal for us, but primarily next year, as there will be a bunch of seniors," said Piscadlo. "We are really looking forward to making the Championships."

BASKETBALL

FROM PAGE 15

the remainder of the game.

Stewart also contributed to the scoring rally, as he scored fifteen points in a 26-8 run that extended the Mules lead to 43-19 with a mere three minutes left in the first half.

O'Brien and Licata have been prominent offensive players for the Mules, averaging 10.1 and 9.5 points per game, respectively. Boasting an average of 5.5 rebounds per game, O'Brien ranks second on the team (behind Stewart) while Licata follows in third with 4.3 rebounds.

Bonda, who is known for his three point shooting ability, scored fourteen of his sixteen points in the first half and was one of eight Mules to score from behind the arch. He ranks sixth on the College's charts for career three-pointers with 114 and is the only current Mule to have a 1.000 three-point field goal game percentage, which he accomplished his junior year against Elms College.

Sophomore Chris Pothering aided the Mule win with ten points, along with Senior Dennis Severino and Sophomore Brandon Mefford who recorded five points each.

Despite the win, the Mules were removed from playoff contention when Haverford College defeated Dickinson College earlier that evening.

Although unable to compete in the Centennial Conference playoffs, the Mules have still been able to end their season on a positive note.

"It seemed like everything we shot went in, and the team defense and rebounding was great. Overall, we finished the season very strong, which is important for the team morale for next year," said Mefford.

Mules fall to Terror

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

McDaniel College capitalized on their last game of the season, beating the Mules 75-53. The Mules needed to beat the Green Terror in order to have a shot at the playoffs; however, coming into the game 16-2 in the Centennial Conference and 22-3 overall, McDaniel had the upper hand. Before going into the face-off, Muhlenberg and McDaniel were the two highest scoring in the Centennial Conference at 77.7 and 72.4 points, respectively.

After McDaniel's Robbin Gregg started the game with a lay-up, the Mules answered back. They took a 17-12 lead when Junior Kristin Piscadlo hit a three-pointer. The Green Terror fought back with a 5-0 run and tied the score 17-17.

Senior co-captain Gwen Doyle lived up to her nickname "Downtown Doyle" when she sunk her third three of the game to give the Mules a 25-17 lead. After a Green Terror comeback, the two teams hit the locker room with the Mules up 33-32.

A 43-20 scoring margin sealed a victory for the Terror. McDaniel has been down eight times going into the locker room and came back each time. The same was true as McDaniel came out and took the lead less than a minute into the second half.

The Mules did not surrender as Junior Stephanie Coluccini sunk a three-pointer to bring her team within one point, but McDaniel answered back once again and further increased their margin. Smith recapped the game stating, "We went in wanting to send the seniors off on a great note. We played well in the first half, but just couldn;t pull it out in the end."

Junior Lacie Smith shoots the ball while under pressure from the defense.

Photo by Rob Kandel

'Berg breaks records

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

By Kristen Ziegler
Sports Editor

Mules competed at the Princeton Invitational last weekend, which featured many competitive teams outside of the Centennial Conference.

Freshman Sara Gearin broke a College record for the second consecutive week. Last week, she set a new record for the 1,000m. This week, she ran the 800m in just 2:24.31. Her twelfth place finish was just two spots ahead of Junior Shelly Rosenberg. Rosenberg came in at 2:38.80, and Freshman Anne DeMuth came in at 2:50.26.

Junior Karen Mount broke the College record in the mile with a sixth place finish of 5:19.54. Senior Jenna Belisonzi placed ninth with a time of 5:22.17.

Mount attributed the team's success to their hard work. She said that the whole team "has put in a lot of hard work over winter break and worked hard in the work-outs and put in a lot in the weight room."

In the triple jump, Sophomore Jacquelyn Inverso had a combined jump of 36-01.75, which qualified her for the ECACs. "I'm really excited. This puts me in a good spot for Conferences." Inverso said. Sophomore Rachel Drosdick also qualified for the ECACs. In the long jump, she jumped 16-8.5. Drosdick went on to jump 4-11 in the high jump.

In the shot put, Senior Kristin Boydston threw 36-0 to place. This is her best throw this season. In the Frank Colden Invitational, she threw 34-11.

The Mule women are now training hard and gearing up for Conferences. "Everyone is ready and pumped up for Conferences. It's been a great season so far. We have a better team this year than any other year. Hopefully we are on the road to win the championship," Inverso said.

On the men's side, Sophomore Lex Mercado broke the College record in the 400m. His time of 50.79 also qualified him for the ECACs.

Sophomore Stephen Rothwell ran the 800m in 1:58.73, giving him a fourth place finish. Seniors Chris Martin and Calvin Tintle came in twelfth and thirteenth, at 2:02.68 and 2:03.05, respectively.

Senior John Brodowski placed fourth in the high jump with a jump of 6-02.75. The second Mule high jump finisher was freshman Joel Haddock, who jumped 19-06.25, which earned a fifteenth place finish. In the triple jump, Haddock placed fifth with a combined jump of 40-11.5.

In the 3000m run, Freshman John Santa Maria came in ninth with a time of 10:00.99.

WRESTLING

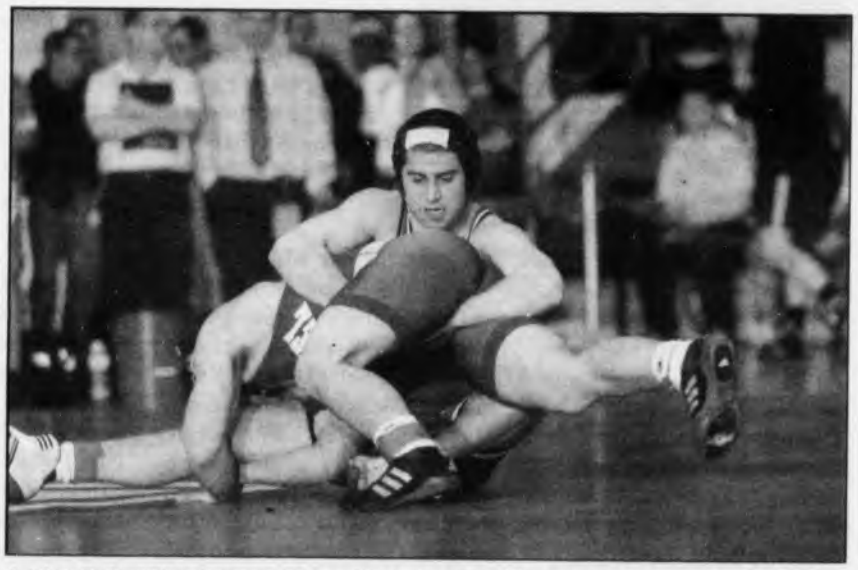
FROM PAGE 16

from freshman heavy-weight Joe Tartar. Seeded fourth in the tournament, he defeated Adam Shrives of King's Point 6-1 but lost in the semi-finals to the tournament champion, Drew Reinecker of Ursinus, 9-1. Reinecker pinned Mike Pattanite of Gettysburg College in the finals in 1:47. Tartar rebounded to win his next two matches by one point each, squeezing by Willie Katinowsky of Ursinus, 5-4 and Dave DeGavarilla of Johns Hopkins University 4-3. DeGavarilla was ranked second in the Conference.

Tartar's match was the last Mules match of the day, but it may have been the most important. When the match started, Johns Hopkins and Muhlenberg were tied in team points at 43.5. Tartar's win tipped the balance, and the Mules left in fourth place, Johns Hopkins in fifth. No other Mules placed.

The individual champions were: Eddie Murray (125, Ursinus), Dan Patterson (133, McDaniel), Mike Detsis (141, Steven's Tech), Danny Song (149, King's Point), Brandon MacWhinnie (157, Steven's Tech), Scott Roesch (165, Ursinus), Tony Howard (174, McDaniel), Mike Troutman (184, Ursinus), Matt Loesch (197, Muhlenberg) and Drew Reinecker (HWT, McDaniel.)

All champions are qualified to wrestle in the Division III Championship March 4 and 5 at Saint Lawrence in New York.



Junior Dale Mills demonstrates his veteran skills as he takes control of his opponent.

Photo by Rob Kandel

To all Juniors and Sophomores
Why not enroll in Muhlenberg's Washington Semester Program for the 2005 fall term?

✓You can earn a full semester of academic credit
✓There are opportunities for all academic majors
✓There are a variety of academic courses and internships offered for the 2005 fall term

For more information contact Professor Alton Slane:
slane@muhlenberg.edu or 484-664-3443

'Berg captures win

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

MEN'S BASKETBALL

After a full day of Centennial Conference Wrestling Championships occupying the Life Sports Center, the men's basketball team started their game much later than usual, but their performance was nothing less than spectacular.

The Mules shot an amazing thirteen three-pointers to capture a fifteen point win over the Green Terror with a score of 87-62. This McDaniel defeat was much sweeter than the last, as the Mules won by a mere four points when the two teams competed earlier this season.

"We played them close when we traveled down there, and we knew we didn't want to have them hang around late in the game." said Freshman Greg Pask.

"As a team, we came out with a strong performance at the beginning of the game, so they were unable to catch up later," said Pask.

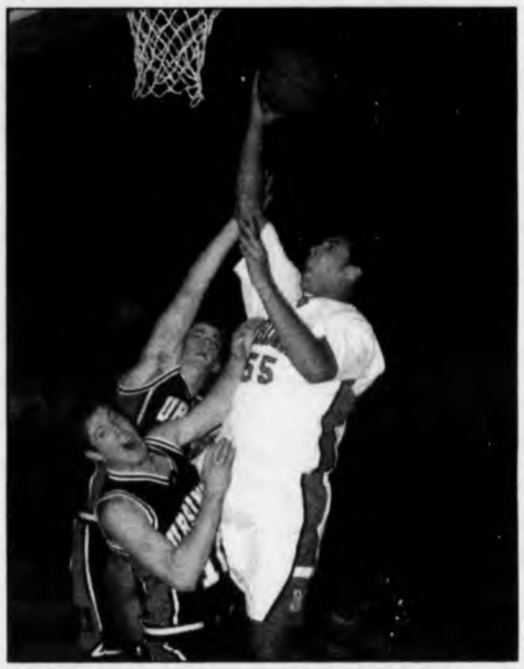
For their fourth win in a row, the Mules (12-12, 9-8) knocked down thirteen three-pointers in only 29 attempts, creating a .44 three point shooting percentage. This accomplishment tied the College's record they set last year against both Washington College and against McDaniel College.

Leading the Mules was Sophomore Jeff Stewart. Recording 23 points and twelve rebounds in only 24 minutes, Stewart recorded his fifteenth double-double of the season.

His superior performance has been consistent throughout the season, as he currently ranks second in the Centennial Conference in points with an average of 19.6 per game, and leads the Centennial Conference in rebounding with an average of ten.

The Green Terror held an early 6-1 lead before the Mules went on a scoring rampage, led by three-pointers from Seniors Chase Licata and Ryan Bonda and Junior Jimmy O'Brien. Together, these three key players sparked an 11-0 run that put the Mules ahead for

SEE **BASKETBALL**
PAGE 13



Sophomore Jeff Stewart climbs over two defenders taking the ball to the hole.

Photo by Rob Kandel

CARTER

FROM PAGE 16

Carter developed the Ken Carter Foundation, which instructs students in personal development, athletics and academics to improve themselves and their neighborhood. Carter used the foundation and the movie to gain access to younger minds. "Kids today always ask 'Why?' When I was growing up, we didn't ask 'Why?'"

To help his athletes expand their minds, Carter took them to Silicon Valley to see the mansions. Carter describes the mind as a rubber band, once it is stretched out, it never goes all the way back. Since most of the kids had never been outside a ten-mile radius of their home, Carter wanted them to look beyond the immediate idea of professional sports to use their intellect and drive to become successful. For education, you need to equip athletes, put "something in their hands, something in their heads and something in their hearts," said Carter.

Carter motivates students by seeing success in a four-step plan: Accountability, Leadership, Integrity and Team. In his experience with the basketball team, Carter held his players accountable by sticking to the contract, even when it meant losing a game. The men showed leadership through Carter's program of "positive peer pressure." The athletes tutored and encouraged each other. Their integrity came through when they called their elders, "Sir" or "Ma'am" and were honest about their academic performance to their coach. The greatest example of their teamwork was when Carter implemented a 3,000 push-up a day plan. The team would help each other out, with players doing push-ups for someone else.

The success of his four-step program and the success of his players are what attributed to Carter's own success. Even with all that he has already done, he still has "goals written down." "I want to write books, make movies. I still have other lives to touch because I am the guy next door, no different from anyone else."

Carter accomplished one of his childhood goals already. When he was eight, he interviewed himself with a spoon and told his mother one day someone would write a movie about him. When they shared the story with Jackson and the crew on the set of *Coach Carter*, everyone cried. Carter recalled how when he moved to California, he found the paper that he wrote the story down on along with his goals. One of his goals had been to move to California. "If you have a big dream, write it down, because words are magical," said Carter.

Records are made to be broken

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

Women's basketball painted the record books this season. **Senior co-Captain Gwen Doyle** and **Junior Kristen Piscadlo** hold the most three point field goals in a season with 63 and 55, respectively. **Junior Tiffany Kirk** appears twice on that list, ranking fifth last season and tenth this season. The record books show that Doyle appears in the top of the rankings for most threes in a game and is ranked first in consecutive games making a three-pointer with 53 games. Piscadlo is behind Doyle with 28. Classmates Piscadlo and Kirk are third and fourth on the list for career three-point field goals with 117 and 104, respectively. Piscadlo and **Senior Co-Captain Aril Byrant** appears on the career assists list with 254 and 183, respectively. The most assists in a season is 101, and the most in a single game is twelve and then ten. These records belong to Piscadlo. She also appears on the list for the most steals in a career alongside Doyle.

With the record-breaking performances of those players, it is no wonder that the team broke records as well. The team scored 133 points vs. Haverford College, the most points scored in a game. Next on the records list was the 101 they put up vs. Washington College. This season marked the thirteenth consecutive season with ten plus wins. The Mules had the most field goals in a game this season with 50 vs. Haverford College. They also had the most points scored in a half twice this year--once vs. Haverford with 78, and the second vs. Bryn Mawr College with 59. The 2004-2005 Mules had the most three-point field goals in a season with 226. Their game against Haverford was a record-breaking one as they notched the most three-point field goals in a game with 21 and the most assists in a game with 36 vs. the Fords. The 2004-2005 Mules hold the record for most blocked shots in a game with nine vs. Washington. This year's team ranks second with most steals in a game with 32, vs. Bryn Mawr.

On the track, **Sophomore Lex Mercado** holds the record for the 200m with a time of 50.79. For the women, **Senior Captain Danielle Bovelle** holds the record for the 300m with a finish of 46.44. **Freshman Sara Gearin** holds the 800m record with a time of 2:24.31 and the 1,000m which she ran in 3:07.17. **Junior Karen Mount** holds her place in the record books, running the mile in 5:19.54. **Senior co-Captain Jenna Belisonzi** ran the fastest 5,000m with a time of 18:38.20. **Sophomore Rachel Drosdick** broke records twice this year, once in the long jump with a jump of 17-10.75 and in the pentathlon she holds a record for the most points with 3070.

Back to the court, there is the dominant force of **Sophomore Jeff Stewart,** who was recently named Player of the Year by the Lehigh Valley Basketball College Media Organization. He appears in the men's basketball records for most points in a season with 470 and most field goals in a season with 189. As a mere sophomore, Stewart ranks fifth for blocked shots in a career with 85. Stewart has rejected 52 shots this season and ranks first in blocked shots in a game with six vs. Marymount College. **Senior Ryan Bonda** appears on the all-time list for most three-point field goals in a career with 114.

CORRECTION: In the Jan. 3 issue, it was said "Sophomore Kim David threw 7-0 in the pole vault, finishing in first." This should have read "David vaulted 7-0 to finish first in the pole vault." In last week's issue, Freshman Sara Gearin broke Junior Karen Mount's record of 3:12.36. In the 5000m, Senior Jenna Belisonzi broke Mount's record of 18:52.47.

The Weekly strives for accuracy and apologizes for these mistakes. If you encounter an error, please email us at weekly@muhlenberg.edu.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Inside: *Men's basketball beat McDaniel College.* page 15

Inside: *College records were broken in Invitational.* page 14

Carter: not just a movie

By Kristen Ziegler and Tara DeMarzo
SPORTS EDITOR AND ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Carter was the number one movie in America the first weekend it came out. This true story is about an undefeated high school basketball team whose coach locked the gym when the players failed to uphold an academic contract set for them at the beginning of the season. That coach was Ken Carter.

Coach Ken Carter addressed the College with a motivational speech.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Carter visited the College and spoke to a hall full of Muhlenberg athletes, students, faculty and staff, along with local residents. He spoke about the movie (starring Samuel L. Jackson and Ashanti) and said that it was "98.5 percent true to life." He admitted he really did chase down his players when they partied at a mansion, and said that what was left out of the movie is that when they returned to school at four a.m., they had practice.

Coach Carter verified other parts of the movie that may have seemed added for dramatic effect. Carter revealed that one of his athletes on the team, named Worm, actually recited the words spoken in the movie: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure...There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you... And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

Carter values what he quotes as an "out-of-body experience": to be able to combine all of his 'teams' in life into this movie. He would not agree to make the film without the involvement of his sisters, mother, actual players and their mothers, along with his coaching staff; therefore they were all in the film.

Carter's aspirations in life were always based around his family. "I never looked for heroes beyond my family," said Carter.

When he was younger, his mother bought him sneakers at the grocery store. When he went to play basketball, the kids laughed at him, but he jokes, "They weren't laughing very long" after he started to play. Carter would never ask his mother for anything. When his sister, Linda, came to a game she heard the kids laughing. With her first paycheck from Woolworth, she bought him a name-brand pair of sneakers.

The presence that his seven sisters had in his life carried over onto the court; he named the plays after their personalities. His one sister Diane always pressured him about things from the color of his shirt to the way he talked. Carter's man-to-man defense is therefore labeled Diane.

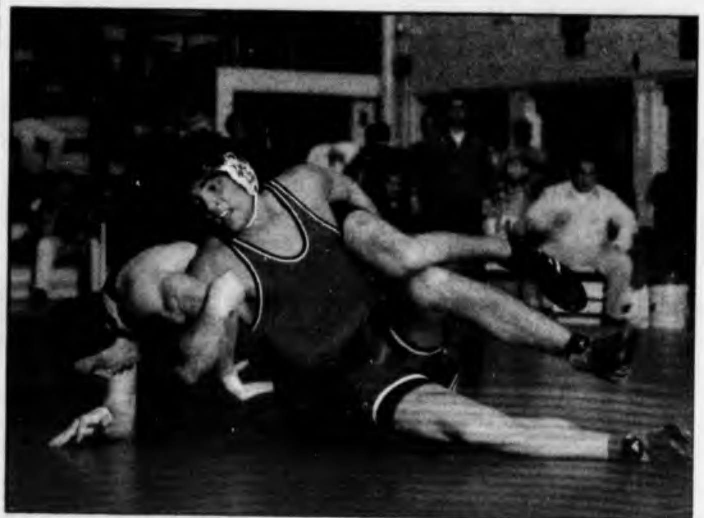
When Carter coached, his players went from school to a two hour studyhall to practice. This coaching style embodied his strict, disciplined structure. He made all of his players sign a contract stating they would sit in the front of their classes, call everyone sir or ma'am, wear suits on gameday and turn in all of their assignments. The main goal was a 2.3 G.P.A., the minimum grade they had to maintain in order to play. Carter made the library the cool place to be, giving ten girls in the school a job in the library as extra incentive for the players to go.

Carter does not take responsibility for their success as he stated, "What makes a great coach is a great team!" They proved to be a great team when his efforts were shut down by the Board of Education. After the board reopened the gym, Carter walked into the gym feeling defeated, only to find his team studying on the court. That is when he knew he had made a difference. "Education was always my goal, and basketball was a hook to bring students to academics. It was never about athletics," said Carter.

Carter's fight to improve education went beyond his players. When he discovered that the school did not have enough books, he wrote to the governor and the Secretary of Education. When they did not respond, he took action. Carter rode a kick-scooter 80.4 miles to the state's capital. His three days of work gave the school books and new computers. Carter also works to improve education through his study guide, "101 ways to earn a higher G.P.A."

SEE **CARTER** | PAGE 15

Mules finish fourth in C.C.



Sophomore John Hesse strains to gain control in the semi-finals of the conference tournament.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

By Dylan Moulton
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Undefeated Ursinus College walked away with the Centennial Conference title for the third straight year. Fourth-placed Mules had one individual champion: Sophomore Matt Loesch (197), who successfully defended his title. This is his second Conference title.

WRESTLING

Ursinus College finished their perfect dual meet season with an impressive win in a fortified conference. There were two more competitors vying for top position (Steven's Tech and King's Point), but they could do little to stop six Ursinus wrestlers from reaching the finals. Ursinus' final team score was 89, 7.5 more than second-placed McDaniel College. The Mules faced five Ursinus wrestlers in direct competition and defeated three of them.

The final team placements were Ursinus College (89), McDaniel College (81.5), Steven's Tech (57.5), Muhlenberg College (48.5), Johns Hopkins University (43.5), King's Point College (37.5), Gettysburg College (28.5), Washington & Lee Univesity (20.)

The Mules sent two wrestlers to the finals: Loesch and Junior Dale Mills (149). Loesch pinned Justin Blain of Steven's Tech in two and a half minutes in the first round and decisioned Jared Allred of Ursinus 8-1 in the semifinals. This lead to Tony Dambro of Johns Hopkins University, who Loesch beat 8-4, giving his opponent all four of the points he scored. No offensive points were scored on Loesch the entire tournament. The last time an opponent scored a point on Loesch was in November.

Mills started the tournament with a pin as well, sticking Zack Lenz of Steven's Tech in 1:30, followed by a 5-3 win over Mark Nakasone of McDaniel. In the finals, Mills fell to an early three point deficit to tie at seven in the third period, only to lose by minor decision at the end, 7-10, to Danny Song of King's Point. Mills won the tournament last year and was the underdog going into the finals.

An important win came

SEE **WRESTLING** PAGE 14

A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

focus

Spring Break

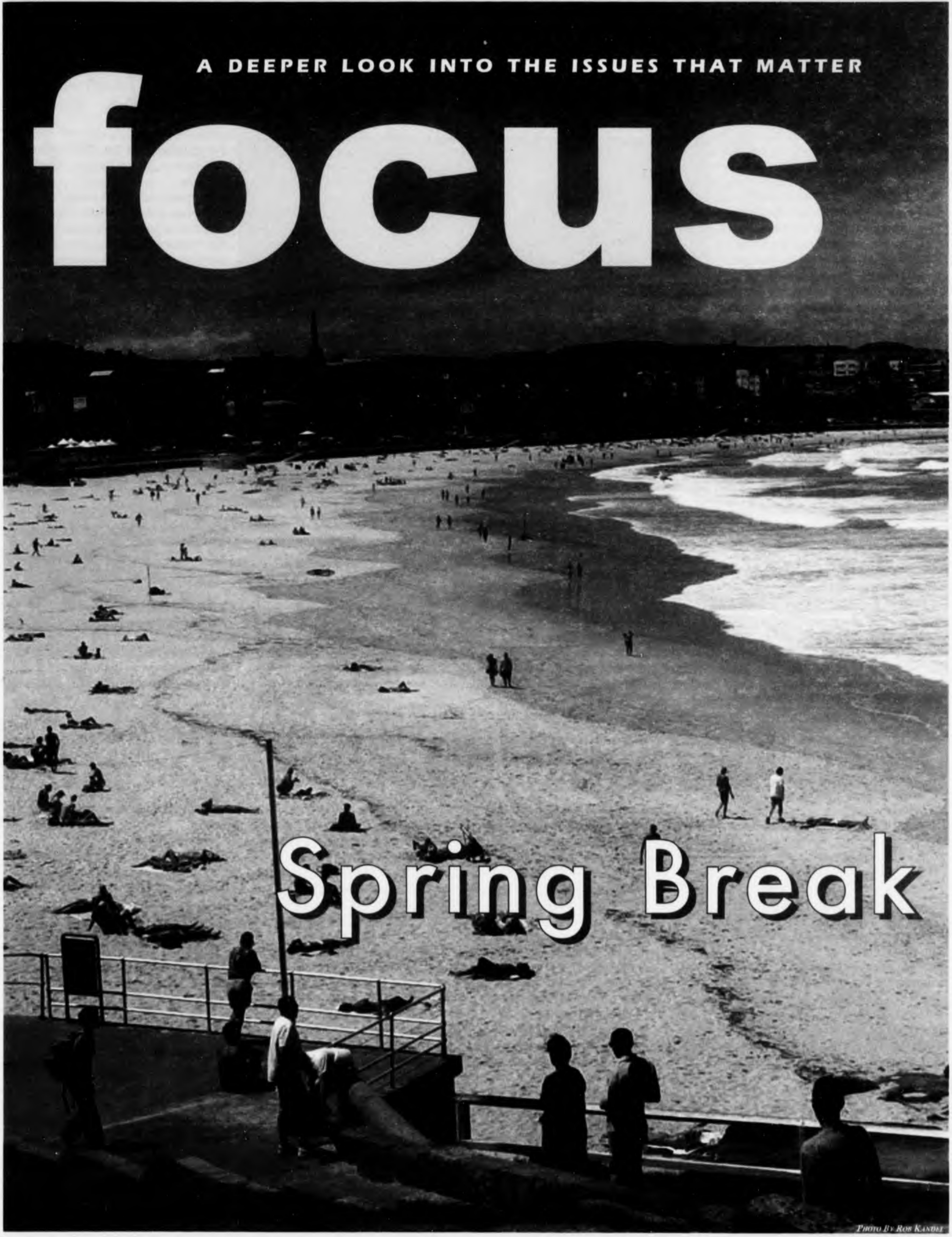


Photo By Rob Kandel

When it wasn't always babes and beach

A brief history of Spring Break

By Chrissy Culotta
Class of 2005

Long before Panama City, FL made the weeklong celebration in mid-March a household name, Spring "Breakers" had been raising their glass to this time period for centuries.

Keeping in-line with much of our modern traditions, the ancient Greeks were the original masterminds behind the ritualistic time where young men frolicked and women responded. However, their celebration was more about signaling the change of seasons and the symbolic feeling of rebirth and rejuvenation, rather than about funneling and wet t-shirt contests.

This ancient revelry did not go on without backlash from other less-risque Greeks (Similiarly enough, the tension between the partiers and the more conservative members of society still continues today). Still, seaside towns in ancient Greece were filled with city-dwellers and country folk who flocked to the shores for fun, sand and presumably, skinny-dipping. They could probably swap some interesting stories with the present-day young people lining the shores of Cancun, Miami and Jamaica (www.springbreak.com).

Photo by Rob Kandel

Breakers continued to honor the tradition of springtime awakening throughout much of history, most notably during the time after the World Wars. American soldiers stationed in European ports saw a distinct change from the calendar flip between February and March that sometimes brought scantily clad women and transvestites to their trenches. Most were amazed at the loosened morals that a season change could render, but that didn't stop many of them from basking in their indecencies.

Many Americans saw Spring Break as frivolous or uncouth. Yet, the free sexuality of the 1960s changed the landscape of the population and their celebration habits.

While the 60s saw changing times, it took several years for Spring Break to really take the shape of what could be recognizable today. By the 1970s students began traveling down South toward warmer weather, and the overindulgence of the 1980s marked the event as the top partying week of the year.

Primarily filled with people of the college-aged demographic, places like Daytona Beach and Panama City, FL were littered with debauchery as students busted free from a winter's length of hibernation (and this is still how some justify their partying). With the dawn of the MTV generation that loosely occurred around the late 1980s, Spring Break became a modified version of an ancient tradition.

Soon after this point, anyone could turn on the television to have his or her own vicarious experience of Spring Break right in the living room and without the hangover. All of the hype and media attention created an entire industry, almost solely dedicated to the purpose of having college students empty their own or their parents' pockets to join their friends in partying, tanning, and some other various raucous activities.

Of course, there are those students who choose to have a more cultured experience and visit alternative locales, but either way, thanks to the ancient Greeks, we now can think of Spring Break as a time to transcend the everyday routine and let inhibitions melt like a frozen margarita in the heat of a Cancun afternoon.

Playing safely on Break

By Anita Kelly
Director of Counseling Services

Spring Break has been a tradition among college students for several decades. MTV, however, has encouraged this tradition to rise to another level of pleasure. There seems to be an expectation among college students that a Spring Break experience must rank with the likes of what is broadcast on television. In attempting to keep up with the MTV crowd, students begin to run into problems.

> *Behaviors that would go unnoticed in the United States may be cause for arrest in other countries.*

Students often place themselves at risk, unknowingly, through their quest for fun on Spring Break. Risk-taking seems to be the activity of choice, but these high-risk activities need to be approached a little more cautiously. I prefer to think of these precautions as survival techniques.

While relaxing and having fun is the order of the day, all too often students find themselves in dangerous situations while in an area that is unfamiliar to them. I liken this to the "Red Zone" period for freshman. First-year students are not familiar with their surroundings or their peers, so we ask them to be cautious and not to engage in any activities that they wouldn't ordinarily do. I know for some students, this still leaves the door wide open for a variety of things but for many, this means no drinking, drugging or casual sex.

Some precautions that an individual may want to heed while on Spring Break are as follows. Use the buddy system; don't go anywhere alone or with strangers. Don't take any drinks or drugs from anyone; you don't know what you may be getting. Also, many students find themselves in jail or at the mercy of the police of a foreign country because of some poor decisions that they made. Our State Department admits that young people are often victimized abroad because they are unaware of customs, laws or standards of the country they are visiting. Behaviors that would go unnoticed in the United States may be cause for arrest in other countries.

Some things you may want to avoid while drinking are balcony railings, swimming pools, passing out in the sun, drinking on an empty stomach, dehydration and being left behind in a strange place. Be in control and think before you act.

Spring Break is a time to make great, lasting college memories. Don't allow yourself or a friend to become another statistic. Counseling Services is taking a proactive stance regarding Spring Break and sponsoring workshops regarding Spring Break safety. Elaine Pasqua will be doing a program on the exchange of body fluid, and Jason Klein will be performing a comedy skit regarding Spring Break and our judicial system.

Overall, the message here is clear--BE SAFE. Look out for each other. Live to tell your wonderful, fun-filled tales of Spring Break.

> "During break, the average male reported drinking **18 drinks** per day and the average woman reported **10 drinks** per day. More than half of all men and more than 40 percent of all women drank until they became **sick or passed out** at least once."
>
> *Journal of American College Health, May 1998*

Worthy alternatives for Break

By Christine Davies
Class of 2005

While some students will spend their Spring Break relaxing on the beaches of Cancun, a handful of students of the College are dedicating their time off to help others. This year there are three different "alternative Spring Break" trips being organized for Muhlenberg students who want to do service in nearby Pennsylvania, the Big Apple or South of the Border. There are also a variety of programs outside of the College.

Each program offers students the ability to expand their horizons, while at the same time bettering the situations of people in various parts of the globe.

Photo by Mike Davenport

Habitat for Humanity

Tuesday March 8 - Saturday March 12
$25 per person
Contact: Alyssa Rabenold, Assistant Director of Admissions

Ten students will be going to Harrisburg, PA to volunteer with the international nonprofit housing organization, Habitat for Humanity, whose mission is to build simple, decent, affordable houses in partnership with those who lack adequate shelter.

In the Harrisburg Habitat community their tasks might include insulating houses, painting, putting up siding and carpeting. Ryan Kavalsky '05 attended last year's Spring Break Habitat trip to York, PA and describes the experience as "life changing." He was moved by getting to know other people through service.

Kavalsky commented on his experience, "The idea of serving together as a group forms and solidifies friendships. It all came together when we got to meet the family we were helping to build a house for. That captured the week in a moment. This year I hope to do the same, make new friendships, and the ultimate goal is to serve."

AIDS in NYC

Sunday March 6 - Thursday March 10
$100 per person
Student Contact: Christine Davies 05

Religious life is sponsoring an interfaith education and service trip centered on AIDS related issues. Ten students will be going to New York City to work with organizations such as LifeBeat, AIDS Housing Network and Gay Men's Health Crisis.

Through serving in drop-in centers, doing educational outreach and attending HIV support group meetings, students on the trip hope to understand the social implications of the epidemic and ways in which they can help.

One of the participants, Emily Schwighardt '08 explained that during the trip she hopes to "grow as a person and be thankful for my own good health as I use it to help others."

Mission to Mexico

Saturday March 5 - Sunday March 13
$725 per person
Student Contact: Lauren Reifsnyder 05

Students Exploring Very Exciting News (SEVEN), a student run campus Christian group is organizing a trip to Juarez, Mexico. Fifteen students will be volunteering with Touch the World Ministries, helping to construct a school for the small, impoverished community just outside the city of Juarez. About a hundred families make up this community that thrives on remnants of a garbage dump for housing.

The trip's organizer, Lauren Reifsnyder expects the students will be knocked out of their comfort zones by seeing the poverty and interacting with the people who live there. As result of this experience, students will hopefully become more appreciative of their own situations. She also highlights a hope that participants of all three of the alternative spring break trips share: "I hope that we are able to impact their lives, just as much as they do ours."

Stranded sans pants

A tale of Spring Break gone wrong

By Mike Alexander
Class of 2005

People often say there is nothing worse than an airline losing your luggage. I however, beg to differ. Far worse than standing at baggage claim empty-handed is being stranded at sea sans luggage. Simply put: when you are at sea for a week, clothes are hard to come by.

My story begins last year in Tampa, FL. It was the second morning of Spring Break, my friends and I had just boarded an enormous cruise ship anticipating a wonderful week ahead while sipping cocktails on the top deck as the vessel pushed away from the harbor. All seemed right with the world. And then...I decided to check on the status of my luggage.

Typically on a cruise, you drop your baggage off before boarding, and the crew is responsible for bringing it to your room. After our departure, I returned to my cabin to check on my belongings. Only one of my two bags had arrived: this one containing my evening wear, consisting of, my suit, slacks, shirts and ties. As the day went on, I continuously returned to my cabin anxiously awaiting my second bag. I spoke to the concierge, to the front desk, to housekeeping, even the captain, and all told me to be patient exclaiming the rest of my luggage was certainly on the ship and would be delivered shortly. However, day rolled into night and still I had no bag. The next morning, I rushed to the front desk. When I inquired as to the status of my belongings, the receptionist replied, "Sir, please be patient."

Well, as I was being "patient,"day two became day three and, soon enough, days six and seven rolled around. As the week went on, I became dirtier and less and less appealing to my companions. You see, when an airline loses your luggage, one can go to a mall and buy new clothes. When a cruise ship loses your luggage, it's a little more challenging to find a mall in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. It is incredibly frustrating to be at sea without basic garments--wearing one's formal wear everyday is not an option.

One may ask, how does a guy survive with one pair of boxers and a jockey undershirt for a week? My answer: free Caribbean cruise line shirts, lots of soap and water, and of course, very understanding friends. So good luck all you Spring Breakers, and remember this: throw an extra pair of boxers in your carry on, because you might just need them. It might sound parental, but in the interest of hygiene and sanity, it can't hurt. P.S. One year later, and still no bag.

SAVE $$$

Airfare: Be flexible with your schedule. Try to fly on off-days, and search for flights on discount airlines such as Jet Blue and Southwest Airlines.

Hotels: If accommodations don't matter to you, stay at a cheaper motel or hostel, and splurge on better bars and restaurants. Also, booking online usually gets you a better rate.

Food: Ask locals where the cheapest good eats are. Also, try just ordering an appetizer and dessert. And remember, water is always free. Bringing some snacks for in your hotel room is always a good idea.

Nightlife: Eating at some bars allows you to escape the cover charge, as does arriving earlier rather than later. Remember that top shelf liquor is more expensive. Ordering "rum and Coke" is cheaper than Bacardi and Coke.

Compiled by Amanda Phillips

THE TOP SHELF

The best way to [illegible]

By Amanda Phillips and Wendy Eichler
Executive Editor and Asst. Focus Editor

So you've booked the flight and the hotel, you've got your bags packed, and you're more than ready to say goodbye to Victor's Lament and the red and grey in favor of clear blue skies and sandy beaches. Of course, it's not enough to know where you're going to stay--you want to see the hottest spots and eat at the tastiest restaurants. And so, here is the best of the best (compiled in part from Frommers.com) to be enjoyed by Spring Breakers far and wide.

CANCUN

About Cancun: More visitors come to the Yucatan Peninsula than any other part of Mexico.

Nighlife: La Boom in Paseo Kukulkán has two sections: one side is a video bar, the other a bi-level disco with cranking music.

Good Eats: Périco's Cuisine serves up great Mexican, seafood and steak.

Place to See: Tulum is located near Cancun--a mix of Mayan architecture and a turquoise water backdrop.

KEY WEST

About Key West: While commercial, Key West is full of fun bars, great beaches and awesome Key Lime pie.

Nighlife: Duval Street hosts most of the bars in Key West, most of them serving colorful tropical drinks and hosting live bands.

Good Eats: Mangoes Cuisine, while pricey, is packed every night.

Place to See: A magnet for partiers, Smathers Beach is Key West's largest and most overpopulated beach.

MONTEGO BAY

About Montego Bay: Located in Jamaica, this thriving district is one of the main market towns in the country.

Nighlife: The Brewery on Glouchester Ave. is a cross between an English Pub and a Jamaican jerk-pork pit.

Good Eats: Sugar Mill Restaurant serves Caribbean cuisine by candelight on an outdoor terrace.

Place to See: Deep Sea fishing of Seaworld Resorts operates half day fishing expeditions

Photo by Rob Kandel

MYRTLE BEACH

About Myrtle Beach: Stretching along the edge of South Carolina, Myrtle Beach hosts some of the best sunning, shopping and golf locations on the East coast.

Nighlife: Broadway at the Beach is the most exciting nightlife venue in South Carolina, hosting many themed bars.

Good Eats: Sea Captain's House serves traditional coastal fare, including platters of various seafoods.

Place to See: Myrtle Beach State Park is a great place for a walk, with 312 acres of pinewoods.

ORLANDO

About Orlando: While celebrated as a theme park collection, Orlando is also full of natural Floridian beauty.

Nighlife: The Laughing Kookaburra Good Time Bar in the Wyndham Palace Resort features dancing and live music or a DJ most nights.

Good Eats: The California Grill in Disney serves excellent sushi.

Place to See: The Magic Kingdom is not to be misssed, but it is only one of eight theme parks in the area.

MONTRÉAL

About Montréal: A modern, quirky city with an underground world that can be enjoyed sans coat.

Nighlife: Le Tour de Ville is memorable and breathtaking as Montréal's only revolving restaurant and bar.

Good Eats: La Gargote is a quaint French bistro with available take-out.

Place to See: The Casino de Montréal has several floors with 120 game tables and more than 3,000 slot machines.

LAS VEGAS

About Las Vegas: Vegas can only be described as total sensory overload (with an amazing skyline).

Nighlife: The Ghost Bar is decorated with 60s Mod futuristic motifs and various beautiful women on couches.

Good Eats: Sazio is known for large portions of excellent Italian food.

Place to See: The casinos are the obvious choice, with live shows, free drinks and a myriad ways to spend lots of money.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

The College will receive a $900,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation if it raises $12.1 million by August.
page 6

Inside

Sodexho executes long anticipated alterations to increase options at General s Quarters.
page 11

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 17 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005

Jared Fine named Student Body President

By Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

This year's election for Student Body President proved to be much more competitive than last year's election, which featured only one candidate and a voter turnout in the double digits. Not only did student participation skyrocket to a total of 675 votes cast, but the election extended into the week with a runoff vote between Brendan Haney '06 and Jared Fine '06.

In the end, Fine won the runoff vote, securing his place as the College's next Student Body President. Mike Yellin '05, the current Student Body President, spoke optimistically of his successor, who has only served on Council one semester as a Class Representative.

"I think Jared is going to be a great choice," commented Yellin. "He will bring a fresh face to Council and bring something new."

Yellin stated that there are several differences between himself and the newly elected President. "He is very different compared to myself. I am actually much like the poster boy of Council having served for four years."

Yellin did state, however, that despite the differences, Fine will bring "something Council has never seen before."

Fine, a Music and Economics double major from Farmington, Ct. stated that there are several reasons he is fit for the job. Not only is he "good at being a mediator," but he is also "good at generating a consensus [and] generating policies of the view of a whole."

Building a consensus on policies to better the whole is not the only talent Fine will bring to the table, as his work with the College administration puts him in a position to advance the interests of Student Council.

He stated that his summer stay at the College after his first year working in Admissions and his time working as a Tour Guide and Campus Delegate has helped him form "good relationships to drive Council forward."

Jared Fine '06 won the Student Body President election.

Photo by Ben Veghte

Fine noted that his own expertise and talents will not be the only resources he will bring to the job when he takes office in April.

In the weeks proceeding his inauguration, Fine stated that he will work closely with Yellin in learning his new role. According to Fine, there is quite a bit he can learn from the way Yellin conducted himself during his time as Student Body President. "Mike is really good at being quiet and doing a lot," said Fine.

Additionally, Fine stated that Yellin's ability to listen to his fellow Council members is another aspect of Yellin's presidency that he wishes to implement into his own. Fine stated, "He [Yellin] is good about listening to Council members... and taking into account what they are saying."

Despite the fact that there

SEE **PRESIDENT** | PAGE 10

Greek Life Task Force to take action

By Amy Steinbauer
Weekly News Writer

Greek life is here to stay. Randy Helm, President of the College, along with many members of the College's students, staff, faculty and alumni are committed to help the College reshape both the attitudes and actions associated with Greek life.

Along with the strategic planning that has occurred since his arrival, Helm helped form a Greek Life Task Force to assess the current conditions of the Greek community and what would be best for both their future and the future of the entire school. Helm stated, "A lot of colleges have chosen a different path—to get rid of frats and sororities entirely. I don't think that that's the right path for Muhlenberg."

Helm hopes that the new recommendations set forth by the Greek Life Task Force will help "to strengthen the Greek system as a part of campus life and to develop leadership skills and character."

Helm is also concerned with letting the College Community know that even though there may be one failure from a particular frat or sorority, "that doesn't mean that the system itself has failed." At the conclusion of the fall semester, the Greek Life Task Force submitted a final report that comprised of nine recom-

SEE **GREEK LIFE** | PAGE 7

Campus Watch Program meets and organizes

By Alex Barouh
Weekly News Writer

In response to the increase in burglaries and thefts last semester, the College held its first meeting of the Campus Watch Program.

The meeting, which took place on March 1 in Seegers Union, was led by Allison Huth '07 and Brian Galgano '08, members of Student Council.

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security, was also present and acted as the advisor to the Campus Safety Committee.

Galgano began the meeting by stating that the primary goal of the Campus Watch program was to "increase student awareness, prevent criminal activity, provide a quicker way to spread information concerning recent crimes and take precautionary measures" to decrease the possibility of future crimes around campus.

A Campus Phone Network will be the primary tool that Campus Watch will use to implement these goals.

This network will be an organization of students set up around all areas of the College's campus with the role of the students being either block captain or leaders.

As Huth explained, block captains will be responsible for specific areas on campus and in turn pass information on to block leaders, who will be responsible for disseminating crime information throughout a specific building on campus.

Huth said, "The network will speed up the ability to acquire crime information, enable students to be extra observant immediately after a crime has occurred and increase the chances of arresting the perpetrator of the crime."

Galgano elaborated that the blueprint of this program was modeled after Rice University's Campus Watch program.

During the meeting an attendee asked a question

SEE **WATCH** | PAGE 6

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Executive Editor

Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

Campus Watch provides information, not prevention

THE RECENT IMPLEMENTATION OF A CAMPUS WATCH PROGRAM IS A strong step in the right direction toward reducing crime around campus. The Program specifically calls for the development of a network system as a means of distributing information about crimes so students can be extra observant in preventing future crimes from occuring. No one can deny the intrinsic value that exists in having timely information about crimes as a means of preventing other crimes of similar magnitude from occuring in the future. However, there is a limit to how much merely reporting crimes can act as a preventative measure, and there comes a point where more action is needed to combat the problem.

Everytime a student has reported a criminal activity in the area around campus this year, students have received notices in their mailboxes describing the specifics of the case from Campus Safety. Is this report prepared by Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security, so insufficient that we require an additional information system on campus to complement the reports he gives us? What added value would the new networking system provide to the reports that Lupole distributes to the campus?

While the addition of a network system may provide added dissemination of information, it is not going to stop these crimes from occuring altogether. The only thing that will help bring an end to the increased crime our students have experienced in the past year is added security placed in and around campus. In addition to an increase in patrols by Camus Safety and Allentown Police Department (APD), the new Campus Watch Program should take steps toward implementing student groups to patrol the area surrounding campus and work toward greater communication among neighbors of suspicious activity.

The problem of crimes being committed against students is not going to be resolved solely by distributing information to students. The latest steps taken toward implementing a network system should not be seen as the solution to the problem, but rather a strong starting point to a much more extensive program. The Campus Watch Program has been well-researched and designed, and its expansion to more proactive steps will only benefit all of campus.

Bahama Adventures '05

How I became a man

Jason Klein
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

Last week, after nearly twenty-two years of patiently waiting, I finally became a man. I am not talking about puberty because anyone who has heard me speak can assure you that I have not reached that milestone just yet. However, I did experience my first real "Spring Break," thus achieving my symbolic passage into adulthood. Anyone who has ever dared to turn on MTV during the month of March knows that the point of Spring Break is to drink heavily, wear as little clothing as possible and hook-up with as many complete strangers as time allows.

I thought the concept of hooking-up on Spring Break was a total myth, but I was wrong. I have never gotten more action in my life, unfortunately it was from an airport security guard who did not seem to comprehend that it is normal for something to be in between a male's legs. Believe me, I am not carrying anything remotely close to being a weapon there.

For some reason, the airport security agent detailed for me exactly what she was doing. It made for an interesting one-sided conversation, "I'm going to rub my hands down your torso and around your waist." I learned two important things during that rub-down: the first is that no matter how good the rub-down, the agents do not appreciate being asked to go out for a drink. Secondly, I am very ticklish and my giggling is not amusing to the person searching for a weapon while feeling up my inner thigh.

The people who make the safety announcements on airplanes are the most optimistic people I have ever heard. Only they have the ability to describe engine failure leading to a

SEE BREAK | PAGE 3

Letters to the Editor:

Other ways to handle marijuana at the College

To the Editor,

I'd like to begin by saying that I in no way condone the use of marijuana or under age drinking. However, I think the school needs to do some thinking about how these behaviors are handled on campus.

It appears that many Muhlenberg students, as at other colleges, drink and smoke on occasion.

Why would a school have a couple of students arrested in a dorm room, handcuffed, paraded through the hall in front of their peers and taken away in a paddy wagon? What kind of atmosphere exists when students who themselves have smoked pot on campus are reporting their friends to the campus police? If the school is going to enforce a policy of curtailing these activities I believe it should be done in a manner that is fair and consistent and does not make a degrading spectacle out of a select couple of students. It should not encourage a policy that encourages the kind of hypocrisy involved when students who smoke pot themselves can report on their friends.

Muhlenberg College is a small caring community. Perhaps the administration and Student Body should address this important issue more closely and consider the damage the current policy can have on individuals and the campus climate at large.

--Andrea Joliat
Parent '08

A response to free speech

To the Editor,

Jenna Fletcher '06 makes some valid points in her Letter to the Editor regarding the radical UC professor Ward Churchill. Ms. Fletcher states, "What I feel that Churchill was trying to do with his insensitivity and his shocking words was make people open their eyes and see that America, too, does wrong whether we want to admit it or not." I agree with the author, but I fear, however, that she is missing the point.

The problem with Churchill's statements (which he has repeated at speeches since the controversy began) is not what he says, but rather, how his words are portayed and interpreted. When I speak my foreign policy babble, my friends laugh and interpret my words for what they are: militarist rhetoric from a neoconservative. I say what I feel and don't expect others to follow suit or interpret my ideas as fact. And of course, they generally don't because I am not an educator and am neither trained or paid to inform others, broadly put, "about the world." When Churchill speaks his babble, however, it is as an educator, and his words are eaten up by thousands of young Americans who rapidly consume the fruits of American democracy and capitalism one minute and gripe about them the next. They interpret Churchill's rhetoric as fact because he is a high-ranking educator at a reputable university. His message, however, is not fact. It is hate speech.

We should be concerned about Churchill and what he is teaching in the classroom, but he is not the only one. Churchill's case is certainly extreme, and I doubt that you could find many professional educators mirroring his exact sentiments. However, political hate-speech is being increasingly preached throughout this country by some radical leftists who find their homes in academia and who are protected by tenure.

Free speech? Protect it. Hate speech in the classroom? Recognize it for what it is and watch out for it. It's not confined to Colorado.

--Luke Tomanelli
Class of '04

Response to Senior Ball tickets

To the Editor,

Regarding the Letter, "Alcohol and Senior Ball tickets", it does not seem reasonable to ask for a different price if you choose to refrain from drinking. Before continuing, I would like to note that I too abstain from excessive drinking. While the $60 pays for everyone else's portions at the bar, it most importantly covers expenses from dining, rental space and transportation (which not everyone takes advantage of either). Interestingly, with two different ticket prices, there is nothing to stop someone who does drink a lot

SEE BALL | PAGE 3

BREAK | FROM PAGE 2

plane going down as an, "unexpected landing." Since my flight took our plane over water, we were instructed how to exit the plane in the event of an "unexpected water landing." Luckily, our landing was as expected and on a land mass. However, I have always wondered how to detach and use my seat cushion as a flotation device.

Personally, I do not think that the beach is a relaxing place. I love sitting there and lying out in the sun. However, after a minute or two, that gets old, I get hot and I get bored. I have never understood how people can lie in the sun all day. If you sit back and watch people on the beach, the sun is an addictive drug to them. You know people are addicted to the sun when they stand up every hour to reposition their beach chairs to face the sun to maximize their exposure. My favorite moment of Spring Break was overhearing one female Spring Breaker tell her friend that she should quit smoking because it can cause cancer. Immediately after scolding her friend, she peeled her dried leathered skin from the plastic beach chair in order to reposition it "closer" to the sun.

The atmosphere of the nightclubs in the Bahamas was analogous to the atmosphere in a conjugal visit room in a state penitentiary. Both guys and girls alike were acting like pinballs, bouncing around from person to person trying to score the maximum amount of points before moving on. I was able to witness girls participating in a "Thong Contest" who after stripping to almost nothing would yell at any guys who hit on them, "I'm not an object," then race to enter the wet t-shirt contest.

I will never cease to be amused at how pathetic some guys can be in their attempt to pick-up girls (I am not claiming to be good at this either).

My favorite line must have been when immediately upon entering the bar a guy came up to one of the girls we were with and informed her that his friend has been checking her out all night. I'll just say it: guys if your idea of "all night" is approximately 27 seconds, chances are that you're going home alone.

I had the MTV-approved Spring Break. Looking back on the trip, my sunburn and my depleted bank account, I wonder if it was worth it. The alcohol was flowing like water, the bathing suits were skimpy and the clubs were packed with people kissing everyone and everything in sight. It was definitely a trip that I will never forget, and a trip that propelled me into adulthood.

Some students come back from Spring Break with a hangover and an STD, I came back in love: Ashlikwah, the security agent at the airport, I know that no one will ever touch me like you do.

BALL | FROM PAGE 2

from "opting out" of open bar privileges. This is easy by paying the lower price and possibly splitting a full price ticket with friends who will then give the "non-drinker" drinks. This is the same reason a bar does not charge a different cover charge for those who are coming in just to socialize and those who are coming in to drink. Not to mention the fact that open bar includes soda, juice or even milk (hold the Kahlua and vodka), at least one of which "non-drinkers" will most likely consume throughout the evening. As a friend of mine also pointed out, we may want to take into consideration the costs of wrist bands, printing two different tickets and whatever other security measures it would take for this incentive to work, thus raising everyone's ticket prices, therefore the "non-drinkers" are still potentially paying $60. As far as making "dangerous choices for themselves and their classmates", we are not talking about taking shots of hard liquor in unsafe settings; this is an environment where a bartender is legally required to cut off patrons once they appear drunk.

I do not see how the price difference would be more than say, $10 liberally. I also wonder if this $10 compensates for the uneasiness of being present in such a setting. Although I can only relate to the moral reasoning, I would imagine these decisions to abstain would be difficult with or without a $10 incentive to attend the Senior Ball.

I have only experienced positive support from Muhlenberg students for all moral decisions I have made, alcohol-related and not, and therefore do not agree with the presumption that an open bar creates an atmosphere where those not drinking are disrespected.

--Lori Giesberg
Class of '06

~Write for Op/Ed~

SILENCE IS THE PROBLEM!

CONTACT
KATE ARNEY-CIMINO
OR
TIFFANY KIRK

KATEOTHEGREATO@HOTMAIL.COM

KIRK2837@MUHLENBERG.EDU

What's your scholarship?

Scholarship
#1,090
World Traveler

Find your scholarship opportunities at our re-launched Scholarship Channel.

powered by:
BrokeScholar

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Executive Editor
Ben Veghte, Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
Kate Arney-Cimino, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
OPEN, Focus Editor
OPEN, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Johnny Canneto, Business Managers
Robin DeCicco, Asst. News Editor
Tiffany Kirk, Asst. OP/ED Editor
Jackie Starner, Sarah Smith, Dan McClung, Asst. Life! Editors
Tara DeMarzo, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Catherine Zell, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Amy Cookson, Copy Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Writer Manager
John Dunphy, Design Consultant
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2005. All rights reserved.

Weekly Discourse: Cosmetic plastic surgery

A boost for the economy and self-esteem or American culture gone too far?

Kate Arney-Cimino
OP/ED EDITOR

As bathing suit time nears in the U.S., the huge issue of appearance and perfection come into the spotlight. Some would say diet is the easy way of having an ideal body while others argue that plastic surgery might be the only easy way. I say plastic surgery is for the die-hards, the people dedicated to perfection; and today these die-hards are growing by the thousands.

Plastic surgery, even though it has been traced back to the stone ages, really started to take shape in the 1940s after WWII to help the soldiers with reconstructive surgery. Only in the last decade or so has it taken form and really come into its own. Now it's a part of our culture as much as the Zone, Atkins, South Beach and Somersizing are apart of the great plan to drive Americans crazy with diet options.

Not only has this industry made a lot of Britney Spears look-a-likes, but it has generated a whole new aspect of our economy. Despite the economy, the number of people getting Botox injections continues to rise. The most popular procedure is a rhinoplasty, followed by liposuction and coming in third is breast augmentation (www.plasticsurgery.org). Plastic surgery is a strong contributor to American consumerism. Minus the Whole Foods/GNC industry we are running out of ways to make ourselves Herculean or bionic, and plastic surgery opens up new realms and markets to explore.

> *We could all be some version of fem-bots and would it really make a difference?*

Many people argue against plastic surgery if it's soley for cosmetic reasons. This is partly due to the fact that now many high school girls are getting rhinoplasty and breast augmentation for graduation gifts. This leads to the argument that we shouldn't mess with what God gave us. We are all special and unique, and that is what makes us beautiful.

We all are special and unique, but in reality the media directs beauty to unity and sameness. We are all living and walking and breathing in the same space and as more and more people enter our world, we seek out connections and similarities in each other. Therefore, if there's a model for what the perfect brunette looks like, or what the world's sexiest man looks like, more and more people will move toward it.

Besides what's wrong if we all start to look alike? Today in our daily communication we aren't even looking at each other but at a cell phone or computer screen as we frantically text message or IM. We could all be some version of fem-bots and would it really make a difference?

Besides reconstructive surgery, the purpose of plastic surgery is to fix flaws. The only benefit is for the person to look better. Perhaps other people could benefit from it as well because it gives them 'plastic' eye candy to look at. However, this would be only to the degree of pleasure similar to looking too close to the roof of a gingerbread house—it's only pretty until you can see the glue holding up the 'gumdrops.'

Today plastic surgery is divided into surgical and non-surgical procedures. A non-surgical procedure would classify something as a chemical peel. If the purpose of these is purely aesthetic then most of us have already had a form of plastic surgery—orthodontics. Braces, although not a surgical process, are frequently for cosmetic purposes and now they are a necessity in the awkward stage of adolescence.

If people want to look better, why is there so much judgment toward these surgeries? Certainly there is no judgment for anything health related such as blepharoplasty. This procedure lifts the eye lids which may sag over the eyes as a result of old age. The least health related of these surgeries would be breast augmentation for women and things like calf enlargement for men. After recovering from the initial pain, if the outcome is having more self-confident people who can then finally start to focus on why they were put on this planet instead of the size of their breasts. Where is the harm in that?

This is a great time because the culture we have created that demands perfection can now be appeased through this flourishing industry. Thanks to technology, very talented doctors—some qualified and others not so qualified—and a great loan system, almost everyone can have plastic surgery.

It appears that technology mirrors people or people are now starting to mirror technology. For instance, it's possible that with the invention of flat screen TVs and flat screen computer monitors, an increase of tummy tucks have occured to insure flat bellies. There is no need to judge plastic surgery. It's an economic and self-esteem decision everyone makes. Just as people decide to buy name brand drugs vs. generic, they make the decision to buy push-up or silicone, a gym pass or liposuction.

Plastic surgery saves victims from disfiguration, aids to better health such as breast reduction, feeds the economy and boosts self-image. If as a population more of us are pursuing higher education each year, why should it be considered a crime to pursue higher breasts at the same time?

Tiffany Kirk
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Everyone at this school has at least one thing that they wish to change about their physical appearance, but some of us have actually bought our wishes. Apparently plastic surgery is not just for older adults and Beverly Hills anymore. Some of the College's students want to get it done, too.

I hate to break it to you, but purchasing beauty will not land you a Brad Pitt or an Anna Kornikova. Changing the way you appear through surgery in order to attract the desired gender may succeed for only short time increments. Believe it or not, but the people who have stuck by you through each Prince Charming and Princess Charmina are not there because of how you look; they actually like you! Just think: Instead of wasting thousands of dollars on plastic surgery to change something you despise about your body, you could have invested your money into a fitness club, confidence-building course or that ideal Spring Break vacation for you and those fools who like your personality.

Every reason to change your body for beautifying reasons always has another way for it to be accomplished. If you want to lose weight, work out. If you want to feel better about yourself, present yourself differently. A straight back and clear voice is far more appealing than a hunched back and closed mouth. Confidence does wonders. Of course this is much easier said than done, but ten-to-one you will rate yourself higher if you put the work into attaining what you want instead of paying a doctor to attempt to accomplish it with silicon.

> *Apparently plastic surgery is not just for adults and Beverly Hills anymore. Some of the College s students want to get it done too.*

Of course plastic surgery is not only available for people who do not accept the way they appear; some is actually useful. Some procedures need to be conducted, such as skin reconstruction for burn victims, those who have suffered from broken bones/sinus defects, obesity and back problems due to a large chest region.

Also, breast augmentation can be life-saving if Breast Cancer patients decide to invest in the process. However, the psychological impact from a woman choosing to slice her entire breast and replacing them with silicon is overwhelming. A woman's femininity is as defined by her breasts as a man is by his penis. Plastic surgery is needed in cases such as these because the physical health of the person is at risk; not due to some dislike about their body.

Plastic Surgery can not only save your life, but it can also destroy it. While many people are willing to change their body, most do not expect that they may not look like exactly what they paid for. Every procedure is risking health considering the amount of blood that is lost and foreign objects morphing into part of the body. Not only may scars be permanent and implants uneven or shifted, you are at great risk for disease and infection that could be detrimental to your life. Women, do you honestly want to risk getting breast cancer for a larger rack? And men, did you know those calf implants might prohibit you from walking comfortably as the implant may weaken surrounding muscles?

Plastic surgery participants can also run the risk of developing deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism from travelling back from their operations, especially if a plane is the desired mode of transportation. Unlike scientific names that are more frightening than their definition, DVT and PE live up to their technical labels as both cause blood clots. DVT occurs in veins and PE in lungs, which prevent lungs from exhaling air (www.phudson.com). Paying to change your body significantly can buy a few negative developments as well.

As the demand for procedures continues to drastically increase, doctors and appointments are becoming scarce. People desire the procedures so greatly that they begin searching for doctors overseas to conduct the plastic surgery. The quickness an appointment can be scheduled becomes a higher priority than personal health. Instead of searching for a doctor with impressive credentials, people search for the doctor with the soonest opening. At this point, desiring plastic surgery could be considered a disease as people look at the calendar instead of the degree.

Looking pretty and being healthy are too completely different subjects. The image people desire is something to work to obtain physically not financially. If plastic surgery would save you from physically dying or great physical discomfort, visit a plastic surgeon. If you want to look pretty, attend a beauty school.

You gave us your 2 cents
Now we're giving you change!

Muhlenberg College and Sodexho Campus Services
Responds to Student Comments

Thanks to feedback from students, the following changes have been made:

- **FLEX ROLLS – That's right...Money left in a student flex account at the end of the semester will now roll over to the next semester.**
- **New Meal Plans** – New meal plans are just around the corner. Changes will happen soon, watch for the details this spring.
- **What Else is new????**
    - **Whole Wheat Pasta**
    - **Fresh Fruit Cups**
    - **Green Tea**
    - **Egg White Substitutes**
    - **Bagel Bombs All Day**
    - **New Desserts**
    - **Chicken Quesadillas**
    - **Grilled Chicken**
    - **Brown Rice**
    - **Greek Salads**
    - **Vegan Soups**
    - **Flavored Tea**
- **Trying to reach us? Send your comments at: diningcomments@muhlenberg.edu**
- **Need help right away? Please do not hesitate to speak with a manager or supervisor or contact a member of the dining committee.**

It's a little bit like Mardi Gras

It's a little bit like Halloween

It's a little bit like a comedy roast

It's a whole lot of fun

It's PurimPalooza!!!

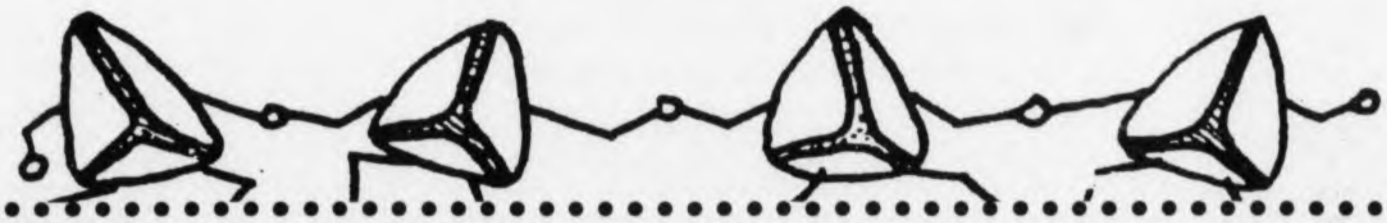
Join us for the Purim Play Contest and Party!

Tuesday – March 22nd – 7:00pm – Underground

Some of the campus' best and most unique talent will perform for the chance to win big cash prizes!

Celebrity Judges: Chaplain Peter Bredlau, Dr. Hemchand Gossai, Noah Herman '06, Professor Charles Richter and YOU – the audience!

This program is sponsored by "The Student Initiatives Committee of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life Irving and Sarah Pitt Campus Creativity Grants"



WATCH

FROM PAGE 1

on most students minds: "What steps will this program take against violent crimes?" Huth responded by stating, "Any organization needs to start small. We will not neglect violent crimes, but we emphasize the basics: lock doors, walk in groups and stay in well lit areas."

Another student attending the meeting voiced the idea that the Campus Watch Program would be even more effective if the non-Muhlenberg Community surrounding the campus would also participate in the program.

Huth, Galgano and Lupole agreed with this idea, stating that the community surrounding the College had its own crime watch program, and hoped that in the future they would be interested in cooperating with the College's program.

During the meeting, Lupole provided information on the ability of the Allentown Police Department (APD) to greatly contribute resources and information to the Campus Watch Program. He stated that APD officers would be visiting the College in order to train block leaders and captains in defining, observing and reporting crimes.

Lupole said, "The Campus Watch is not set up to walk around at night, but rather it will be trained to be aware of current crime events and how to deal with them."

"The Campus Watch is not set up to walk around at night, but rather it will be trained to be aware of current crime events and how to deal with them."

Ken Lupole,
Director of Campus Safety

Lupole went on to stress the importance of individuals at the Campus Watch meeting communicating with members of the College Community about what the Campus Watch Program is capable of doing.

"We can cut the number of thefts and burglaries in half if we speak to the students and raise awareness," said Lupole.

He also voiced his concern that students might interpret the goal of Campus Watch as targeting students and stated, "This is not put together to narc on students. This is an education program."

The attendees of the meeting were provided with a Muhlenberg Campus Watch manual outlining the goals, requirements, organization of the Campus Watch and descriptions of possible crimes that might occur on campus.

All students are encouraged to attend the next meeting which will soon be announced.

College may receive grant from Kresge Foundation

By Eric Prock
Weekly News Writer

South and Robertson, move over. There's a new kid on the block. The new architectural crown jewel of the College is the Life Sports Center.

Completed for the Fall of '04, the renovations on the Life Sports Center have transformed it from an antediluvian eyesore into a state-of-the-art sports facility that has become one of the College's prized possessions.

The Life Sports Center cost approximately $13 million. It is a focal point in the recruitment of prospective students.

New additions included a 5,000-square-foot weight-training area, allowing for easier usage and increased safety; an expanded Cardio-Fitness area with roughly three times the equipment currently available. Separate Health Service and Counseling centers have also been created, allowing for greater privacy for patients and increased space for offices and waiting room.

But, as always, these fine additions came at a cost. So how did the College fund the renovations and additions to the Life Sports Center?

Along with generous donations from alumni, parents, businesses and citizens of the community, a large portion of the financing is being done through the prestigious Kresge Foundation.

The Kresge Foundation, based in Troy, Mi., sponsors a program called The Kresge Challenge, which challenges institutions of higher education to raise money for particular projects undertaken on their respective campuses.

The institutions apply for the Kresge Challenge by presenting their project to the Kresge Foundation.

This presentation includes the estimated cost of the project and the estimated percentage of this cost that the institution has already raised.

"[The Kresge Foundation] may have given only a hundred grants, and my guess is that there were thousands of requests."

Tilghman Moyer,
VP of Development & Alumni Relations

Based on these figures, the Foundation "challenges" the institution to raise a certain percentage of the total cost of the project.

If this percentage is raised, the Foundation donates the balance of the total cost in the form of a grant.

For example, the College applied for the Kresge Challenge after raising approximately $6.5 million for the Life Sports Center.

The application was accepted in June of 2004, at which point the College was "challenged" to raise $12.1 million by August of 2005.

If the College is able to raise $12.1 million by the August deadline, the Kresge Challenge will donate a grant to the College in the amount of $900,000.

The Kresge Challenge is an all or nothing opportunity; if the College fails to raise the $12.1 million, the Kresge Foundation will contribute nothing to the Life Sports Center project.

To date, the College has raised approximately $10.5 million towards the $12.1 million that it must meet in order to receive the Kresge Challenge grant.

Tilghman Moyer, Vice President of Development and Alumni relations at the College, was one of the driving forces behind the College's involvement in the Kresge Challenge.

This was the second time he had been involved in a Kresge Challenge at the College, the first being in 2000 during the construction of the Trexler Pavilion and the renovations done to the outdoor athletic fields.

He asserted that the application process was very competitive. "Kresge is one of the toughest foundations out there. They may have given only a hundred grants, and my guess is that there were thousands of requests."

Not only was the College's application impressive enough to garner it one of these prestigious grants, it was so extraordinary that the Kresge Foundation made one of their largest monetary pledges to the College.

Moyer stated, "The highest commitment that they made this year was $1 million and that was to Penn State University, and we got $900,000 so we feel pretty good because their project was probably larger than ours. We feel that we were at the upper end of what their range is. I've not seen them go above $1 million."

Moyer then explained that the attainment of a Kresge grant is very important to any institution of higher learning because it serves as the litmus test for other

SEE **KRESGE** | PAGE 8

This time of the year I don't dip, I dunk.
I'm lovin' it
Coca-Cola and NCAA MARCH MADNESS
Coca-Cola
Coca-Cola

© 2005 McDonald's Corporation and affiliates

Buy a Chicken Selects® Extra Value Meal®, GET A 3-PIECE CHICKEN SELECTS® FOR FREE

Offer good at participating McDonald's® Restaurants in Southeastern and Northeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Kent and New Castle Counties, DE. Prices may vary. Current prices and participation based on independent operator decision. Void where prohibited. Cash value 1/20 of $.01. Limit one coupon per person, per visit. One free item per coupon. Not valid with any other offer, discount or meal combination. Plus tax if applicable. Coupon may not be duplicated in any way or transmitted via electronic media. Expires 4/15/05 © 2005 McDonald's Corporation and affiliates.

GREEK LIFE

FROM PAGE 1

mendations for the future of Greek life.

The nine recommendations will, according to Chris Jachimowicz, the Director of Student Leadership Development & Greek Affairs, help the College "move from a Greek system to a Greek community." According to Helm, clarification from the College to the Greek community will bring forth mutual expectations of "what we expect from them and what they can expect from us."

Recommendations include plans for the inclusion of better housing facilities for the Greek members in the College's strategic planning and upholding the development of character and leadership abilities throughout Greek life.

In order to establish the goals of the new recommendations, the Task Force will be forming three committees. The committees will be comprised of both students in and out of the Greek community and some faculty and staff. The first committee will be a Relationship Statement committee that according to Jachimowicz is "an attempt to define expectations and responsibilities of both the chapter of the Greek organization and the College."

The second committee will be the Accreditation System that will be to "create a set of objective standards by which the chapters can be measured."

The third committee will be the New Member Education committee, which as Jachimowicz states, is "an attempt to try and get three speakers on campus for the new member process." It is expected that the committees will have their work completed before the start of the next school year.

While some may think that the biggest opposition to the new implementations will be non-Greek members of the College Community, Jachimowicz is optimistic that "if Greek chapters live their ideal of their nationals than I think most people in the community would see their benefits."

"Were it left up to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

-Thomas Jefferson

To write for *The Muhlenberg Weekly* News Section
Contact:
Robin
Ext. 5496

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 46 Low: 24	High: 44 Low: 30	High: 45 Low: 32

Phi Sigma Sigma's charter reinstated

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

Because of allegations of hazing, the College's chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma had its charter suspended. After a visit from the sorority's nationals, however, the charter was reinstated, and Phi Sigma Sigma is now on level three status.

According to Rebecca Chovnick '06, Archon of the Delta Lambda Chapter at the College, while on level three status, the chapter will be "working hand in hand with nationals and supporting the sorority's ideals."

Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs, received an anonymous letter in the campus mail on Feb. 15 alleging hazing activity by Phi Sigma Sigma during the fall. He forwarded the letter to the dean of students and Campus Safety.

Jachimowicz said because of the extent of the letter and because the sorority's nationals had already investigated hazing in the fall, he contacted the chapter advisor for Phi Sigma Sigma.

On Feb. 17, nationals suspended the chapter's charter and scheduled a visit from the national president of Phi Sigma Sigma. The president came to the College on Feb. 23 and spoke to the chapter about the allegations.

Jachimowicz said, "It wasn't necessarily an investigation, but concern that these types of things keep popping up." He said after about an hour and a half meeting, the president took the information back to the national executive board of Phi Sigma Sigma.

The national executive board voted to reinstate the charter and put the sorority on level three status on Feb. 25. Jachimowicz said, "For about a week and a half, we had three sororities."

Sandy Grossman, Grand Archon of Phi Sigma Sigma, visited the College's chapter. She said the chapter's charter was reinstated because, "We believe the women in this chapter are committed to Phi Sigma Sigma's goals."

Grossman said those in the sorority's nationals are working together with the College's chapter to create an environment consistent with Phi Sigma Sigma's mission.

A task force is being organized, consisting of Phi Sigma Sigma alumni to work with the chapter.

Grossman stressed that the chapter is not on probation, but the charter was suspended because "Phi Sigma Sigma takes any alleged policy violation seriously."

Chovnick said, "We are a very strong chapter, and we're excited to continue our active participation in the community."

Jachimowicz said the College supported the decision of nationals and that there is currently no active investigation on campus. He said the problem with anonymous allegations is that only those accused can be talked to.

Jachimowicz believes there will be effects that stem from the allegations. He said, "I think you're going to see changes in the next few years in how member initiation is done, especially with sororities."

OFF CAMPUS

"MISTAKE" PURCHASE APPROVED BY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Easton, Pa – The Easton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners approved an unauthorized purchase of a warehouse that cost $220,000. The purchase was made on Dec. 1 and was facilitated by the board's solicitor, J. Stephen Kreglow.

Chairman Alfredean Jones, Debra Lutz and Rev. George B. Martinez were the influential commissioners in the decision. These three voted to retroactively approve the purchase decision.

Easton City Council and Mayor Phil Mitman called for three commissioners and Kreglow to resign, but all remained in their positions.

This is not the first time the Easton Housing Authority has come under fire for financial reasons. On Oct. 15, executive director Gary A. Smith resigned after there were several financial controversies. Travel expenses had been called into question, and his salary increased from $20,000 to $120,000 without the board's approval.

Even after Smith's resignation, the board has had many controversial situations because many resolutions have been made without consulting the board first.

SUSPECTS CHARGED IN KIDNAPPING AND ROBBERY

Bethlehem, Pa – Phillip Gruver of Bethlehem told police that about 2:14 a.m. Aug. 10, at Classic Car Wash, 1926 Stefko Blvd., a man wearing a ski mask, pointed a revolver at him as he stood in a wash bay at the carwash.

The man told Gruver to drive him, with no lights on, to Siegfried and Stanhope streets. Two men charged in a kidnapping and robbery at a Bethlehem carwash pleaded guilty to reduced charges.

Andre Adams, 18, of Philadelphia, and Joseph Bryant, 19, of 1002 Wilkes-Barre St., Easton, were set for trial Monday in Northampton County Court. Instead, they entered pleas.

Adams and Bryant entered pleas to receiving stolen property, a misdemeanor, and were sentenced to serve one year less one day to two years less two days in the county prison.

Prosecutors dropped reckless endangerment, simple assault, conspiracy, robbery, kidnapping, theft and a firearms charge against Adams.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

RA training stresses community, not rules

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

Students at the College have probably heard someone complain, "My RA busted me." Students who are not Resident Advisors (RAs) may think that these student employees are specifically trained to look for students violating College policy.

According to Leah Breisch, Assistant Director of Residential Education and Student Conduct, however, RA training focuses more on community development than on enforcing the College's policies.

In the past, training in the policies and enforcement was done first. Breisch said this was because new RAs were most nervous about this part of their job.

Breisch said two years ago, the College saw an increase in problems, especially with the Class of 2007, with the number of transports to the hospital due to alcohol. She said because of the increase in incidents, she decided to modify RA training last August and begin with community development. She said, "I think it's been a lot more effective."

The first day of the week-long training focuses on the start of the relationship between the RA and the residents and how RAs can develop good programs for their residents. The second day of training addresses what role the rules play in their jobs and how enforcement goes into building a community.

Breisch said the remainder of the training addresses a variety of areas including alcohol, drugs, sexual assault, fire prevention and referrals to the Counseling Center.

All RAs are trained together about College policy, but for about a day and a half they split up into two groups. RAs of first-year students are trained about how to deal with issues that typically affect those students such as homesickness.

RAs of upperclassmen are trained in other areas, including how to deal with roommate problems related to pledging a fraternity or a sorority.

Peggy Tacchino '05, an RA in Walz Hall, said, "Training emphasizes building community first and that's what we see our jobs as. We don't focus as much on policy enforcement as community building."

. She said the training puts the enforcement component in perspective and since much more time is devoted to more personal issues such as roommate conflicts, those issues take precedence.

Breisch said the training stresses the concept of building rapport with the residents, making them feel like the RA is a resource and a kind of big brother or big sister. The hope is that residents who are written up will feel sorry for disappointing their RA rather than accusing their RA of busting them.

SEE **RA TRAINING** | PAGE 9

KRESGE

FROM PAGE 6

foundations in their decision whether or not to make monetary contributions to the institution.

The Kresge Challenge serves as a barometer for other foundations because the criteria used by the Kresge Foundation to evaluate applicants are very difficult to meet.

"They not only look at the project, they also look at the impact that the project will have on campus; it must have broad-based appeal. I think we proved that the Life Sports Center was not only for fitness, but also for health and counseling," said Moyer.

He continued, "We estimated about 80 percent of our students were using the facility either for intercollegiate athletics, intramural athletics, personal fitness or health and counseling."

Deborah Kipp, Assistant Vice President of Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations, wrote the College's application for the Kresge Challenge.

She stated that the Kresge Foundation looks for institutions that are rich in terms of the quality of its members and the support that they provide to each other and to the institution at large.

In particular, Kresge looks at the academic quality of students, the student retention rate, the background and quality of its faculty and the makeup of its Board of Trustees as well.

She asserted, "Kresge wants to make sure that they are giving to a strong college, not a sinking ship. They want to jump on board something moving and exciting."

This is the reason why a stamp-of-approval from Kresge is influential in garnering donations from other institutions.

Although he was not able to definitively verify, Moyer was confident that the positive review garnered from the Kresge Foundation enabled the College to attain a few additional foundational grants.

Donations like these are exactly what the Kresge Challenge is all about.

The Kresge Foundation is committed to furthering academic and intellectual excellence in colleges and universities of this country.

It hopes that its grant will spur other foundations, alumni and citizens to make continuing donations to institutions of higher education in hopes of attaining progress through education.

CLASS of 2008
and
UNDECLARED UPPERCLASS STUDENTS

IT'S TIME TO DECLARE YOUR MAJOR

Make an appointment with your First-Year Advisor today.

MAJOR DECLARATION ADVISING
March 16 - March 30

Look for more information in your campus mailbox.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

"This *Guide* teaches students how to fight back against the double standards and disturbing speech codes that pose such dangers to education in a free society."

Edwin Meese, III
Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow in Public Policy and Chairman, Center for Legal and Judicial Studies

"[The *Guide*] should inspire students and faculty to exercise their free speech rights vigorously and to defend freedom of speech for every member of the campus community."

Nadine Strossen
President, American Civil Liberties Union and Professor of Law, New York Law School

The *Guide* is free.
Your liberty matters.

FOUNDATION FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION
FIRE

www.thefire.org

RA TRAINING

FROM PAGE 8

Shawn Havey '05, the Head RA in Walz Hall, said that RAs' main focus should be about community. He said, "If we build a good enough community, we don't have to deal with policy because everyone will be respectful of each other and the rules."

He said the training is reviewed every year, and new components are incorporated because of past problems.

Although RAs are required to write up a policy violation if they witness it, they are not trained to seek out these violations.

Breisch said, "If I find out RAs are sniffing for beer or residents feel they are being targeted, they can expect to be called to my office for a conversation."

She said that kind of conduct is not tolerated and may warrant disciplinary action.

Havey said, "We definitely don't go looking for [policy violations]. We don't stand outside doors."

> *"If we build a good enough community, we don t have to deal with policy because everyone will be respectful of each other and the rules."*
>
> Shawn Havey '05,
> Head RA of Walz Hall

Breisch also explained that RAs cannot simply go knocking on residents' doors looking for violations. She said they need to be able to sense with at least two different senses that a violation is occurring.

For example, Breisch said if an RA hears bottles clinking in a room, this is not enough to knock on the door because the noise is not necessarily from beer bottles.

In addition to hearing the bottles, the RA would need to smell alcohol or see someone stumbling in or out of the room to approach it.

When more than one sign of a violation is present, it indicates reasonable cause for an RA to approach a room.

Breisch said oftentimes residents are in the wrong place at the wrong time when written up. For example, a resident opens their door with a beer in hand as the RA is walking down the hall on rounds.

Havey said, "There were only one or two times when people have tried to schmooze their way out of trouble or been openly hostile. They're usually just mad they got caught and don't take it personally."

RAs are not responsible for judgment of policy violations. They are required to write what they see, but Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, and Breisch are the ones who decide if the students are referred to the judicial process.

Breisch said about 50 percent of the judicial process's cases come from RA write-ups.

She pointed out, however, that 40 to 50 percent of students referred to the judicial process are found not in violation of policy.

Breisch said, "Judicial has been better the last couple years."

As an example, she said a student who is found in a room with alcohol but had not been drinking is usually found not responsible after going through the judicial process.

Tacchino said the idea of being a friend and mentor as well as a policy enforcer is sometimes difficult to balance, but said, "If you get mutual respect, it's not as hard as it seems."

Come Celebrate

Midterm Mayhem

at

the
POWERHOUSE
café

Buy any SoBe Energy Drink and One Doritos Grab Bag at the Powerhouse, and receive various prizes!

Scratch and Win Prizes Instantly, Prizes on Premises!

Free Music Downloads from BuyMusic.com
Buy One Get One Free Coupon
SoBe T-shirt
Doritos Nerf Basketball

Enter the drawing to win a...

Rio MP3 Player!

Now until 4/15/05

PRESIDENT

FROM PAGE 1

was a dramatic increase in the total number of students who turned out in this year's election to cast their ballots, both Fine and Yellin confirmed that there should have been more.

"Compared to last year it was high," Yellin said. "Compared to other times in the past this campaign was a lower turnout."

According to Yellin, the 675 student turnout is only representative of 25 percent of the vote. "This is something Council is going to have to work on" said Yellin.

After taking office in April, Fine confirmed that voter turnout is something he plans on addressing in the year to come.

One aspect of the election process that Fine is adamant on improving is the debate between the candidates. "I am really disappointed with the debate," Fine stated.

Fine explained that in an election for the President of the United States, debates are extremely important for voters to get information about the candidates.

Fine stated that he sees the debate between candidates for Student Body President to be equally important in getting information out to voters. For this reason, Fine stated that he "would like to see the. debate as a bigger event."

Speaking in regard to the overall message he wishes to express to students during his tenure, Fine emphasized his desire to instill in students the idea that Council's doors are open to all.

"I want to have students be aware of what is going on behind Council doors," he said. "If you want to know what is going on, turn out to the meetings," Fine added.

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 28 – Institutional Vandalism – A housekeeper reported that a table on the B level of the Trexler Library had been damaged.

Mar. 2 – Injured Student – A student twisted his left ankle while playing basketball in the Life Sports Center and was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Mar. 2 – Lost Property – A student lost his room key a week earlier and was unsure where he had lost it. Campus Safety filed a report and changed the locks.

Mar. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – A bathroom stall door in the third floor Walz Hall men's bathroom was torn off and put in the building's elevator.

Mar. 3 – Theft – A student reported that his Nokia 6600 black and white cell phone was taken from his room in Prosser Hall.

Mar. 3 – Injured Student – A student got his left middle finger caught in a door in Walz Hall. The finger was swelling up and the student was advised to visit the Health Center the following day.

Mar. 4 – Institutional Vandalism – A large amount of eggs were thrown on the door and walls on the south side of Brown Hall.

Mar. 4 – Vehicle Violation – A first-year student's car was found on N. 26th St. The student said his parents had brought the car for him the night before, but the car was covered with snow, and it had not snowed for three days. The student was referred the judicial process.

Mar. 4 – Social Code Violation – Three bottles with liquor and two empty bottles were found in a room in Taylor Hall during Spring Break checks. The two residents have been referred to the judicial process.

Mar. 4 – Social Code Violation – Eleven bottles containing liquor, four beer bottles and other empty bottles were found in a room in Taylor Hall during Spring Break checks. The two residents have been referred to the judicial process.

Mar. 4 – Sick Student and Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol – Paul Kegelman '08 of Prosser Hall was charged with underage possession and consumption of alcohol. He was transported by Allentown EMS to St. Luke's Hospital after becoming ill from alcohol.

Mar. 5 – Suspicious Person – A graduate from the College was found sleeping in a vehicle in the sorority parking lot.

Congratulations to Jared Fine
2005-2006
Student Body President!

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Would you like to serve on the
2005-2006 Student Council?
Nominations are taking place NOW
until March 23rd!
@ Seeger's Info Desk

Design a new Birthday Card
for use by Dean Ehrenberg
during the
2005-2006 Academic Year

and

Win $200 Prize Money

Submit your drawing
(and on disk)

to the
Dean of Students Office
by 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2005

Any questions – please call extension 3182

WEEKLY

life!

"Life is a banquet, and most poor suckers are starving to death."
-Auntie Mame, by Patick Debris

General's Quarters: *Changes for the better*

By Robin DeCicco
Asst. News Editor

Dan McClung '08 grabs a tasty and healthy meal at General's Quarters.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNER

"Can I have fruit with that?" Some at Muhlenberg are following the recent U.S. trend of becoming more "health-conscious" and are asking for food other than hamburgers, french fries and mozzarella sticks.

Although there is currently food available in General's Quarters (GQ), its seems as if students are not completely satisfied and are left wondering if further improvements will be made.

Over the past few months, the College has worked with Sodexho, to offer healthier options. Sodexho decides exactly what types of meats, vegetables and breads are available in the Garden Room and GQ each day. Sodexho also makes standard recipes for everything from pasta salads and tuna fish, to chicken dishes, that are to be replicated in the College's kitchens.

Although Sodexho has played a large role in implementing the healthier food choices in GQ, they had little choice in the matter. Sodexho realized the new demand for healthier food

"I am happy to see that the school has finally added an array of fruits and more salads in GQ," said Leigh Wynn '08. "At home, I grew up eating many vegetables, and the adjustment to college eating was difficult at first; however, now that there are healthier options, I feel more in control of my diet."

Many students agree with Wynn and are taking advantage of the newest additions in GQ, such as the fresh fruit cups, whole apples, pears and bananas and cold vegetable slices consisting of squash, zucchini, carrots and celery. Steamed broccoli and green beans are offered as side dishes. These fresh vegetables, in addition to whole wheat breads and pasta, were added to the GQ menu so that students would be able to eat a lunch or dinner consisting of a variety of the food groups.

According to the Department of Health, "Eating a variety of foods and following the Food Pyramid will help keep your intake of total fat and saturated fat low." Susan Hurd, Registered Dietician with Sodexho said, "Students should follow the guidelines of the Food Pyramid, in order to get the energy, protein and vitamins they need to function both physically and mentally. Currently, Hurd feels confident that students can fulfill the requirements of the Pyramid by eating at GQ.

She emphasizes that it is never too early to develop healthy eating habits and that it is okay to occasionally eat fried food, but is unhealthy to consume it regularly. French fries and deep-fried mozzarella sticks, if eaten frequently, can contribute to obesity, high cholesterol and diabetes. Some healthy options to consider instead of the cheese fries and chicken fingers served at the Grill, which are mostly empty calories, are the salads, vegetarian soups and microwavable meals.

In regard to the healthiness of these microwavable meals, John Pasquarello, Manager of Dining Services said, "We responded to student needs. There was a demand for food on the go, and we made a conscious effort to offer healthy microwavable meals." One of the healthiest "minute meals" is the vegetarian burrito, which is loaded with protein, "good" fats and whole grains, from refried beans, cheddar cheese and rice. Other meals include macaroni and cheese, chicken parmigiana, pasta with Alfredo sauce and the most popular item, stuffed shells.

Unlike food at the grill that is prepared with oil and high saturated fats, these meals are made with natural ingredients and provide protein, complex carbohydrates and vitamins.

Although these meals are easy to grab on the go and fulfill dietary needs, they are not always available to students. These meals are not

SEE **GQ** | PAGE 12

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT DO YOU REGRET MOST ABOUT SPRING BREAK?

"Not staying in Paris. I really wish I just hadn't gotten back on the plane."

-Mary Franklin '07

"Not going anywhere."

-James Cummins '06

"I regret going hitch hiking and ending up somewhere in Canada without my umbrella."

-Will Porter '08

"Falling down the stairs at the fencing team's house at Johns Hopkins."

-Matthew Rosazza '07

"Inviting my now ex-boyfriend to come home with me."

-Liz Millea '07

Post sex mar or mint:

STDs and sexual safety

Christina Liciaga
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

IN THE

NUDE

After the sun-filled, sweat-intrigued, lustful lasciviousness of Spring Break, it might be good to note some cold, hard facts:

- Today there are over 20 significantly prevalent sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) with 12 million newly infected persons each year.
- 63 percent of all STD cases occur among people less than 25 years of age.
- 134,000 new cases of syphilis are occurring each year, the highest infection rate in 40 years.
- 1.3 million new gonorrhea cases occur annually.
- 24 million new cases of human papilloma virus (HPV or genital warts) occur annually, including a high percentage among teens.
- AIDS is the leading killer of Americans between the ages of 25 and 44.

(Facts in Brief, New York: The AlanGuttmacher Insitute, 1993)

Although many of us are far displaced from our Fitness and Wellness days, you're bound to remember the image of genital warts, syphilis or the distorted newborn from a parent infected with chlamydia.

The fact that one in five Americans are currently infected with a viral STD coupled with the great likelihood of college students to engage in Spring Break sex makes a conversation about sexual safety both timely and apt.

Per the title, post sex can either be a pleasurable pillow mint that allows you and your partner to cuddle, sweetly and refreshingly to sleep or a literal nightmare that keeps you up all night wondering if there is recourse or cure, and if your genitals are cursed to complete erosion.

In a preemptive attempt at sexual safety, before Spring Break, I traveled downtown to the Allentown Health Bureau, which offers free STD testing on Tuesdays.

The nurse who took my blood and urine samples shared startling statistics from her personal experience: of all the patients she meets within a day, one or less will consistently practice safe sex.

Particularly with the increased use of birth control, sexual safety is on a decline because--to be honest--condoms seem inconvenient.

Some of the most liberating sex is spontaneous: on the beach, in the shower, behind waterfalls, in the backrooms of a Vegas hotel; as such, safety practices appear halting and dispassionate. Consider, for example, the couple that begins penetration in a Jacuzzi--will they leave the warmth of the water to get a condom? The smart answer is, of course, yes. The common answer is no.

I understand the assumed infallibility and invincibility that 18-22 year olds have, but bacteria and viruses have no respect for people. No matter how clean and appealing your partner's genitals may be, you don't and can't ever really know what lies dormant unless you ask, and unless you are both tested.

Asking, I understand, can be an uncomfortable position. Friends of mine have often begrudgingly admitted to not practicing safe sex because of a discomfort in having the discussion.

My shamelessness proves otherwise as I truly have no problem in stopping foreplay altogether in order to have the sex talk. Namely:

1. How many partners have you had, ever?
2. How many have you had in the last three months?
3. When was the last time you were tested?
4. What were the results?

SEE **SEX** | PAGE 12

GQ | FROM PAGE 11

offered in GQ everyday; therefore, some vegetarians and health conscious students who do not eat from the grill are not left with many options to fulfill their daily nutritional needs.

When discussing the selection of food at GQ with several students, they immediately said that there aren't enough options for vegetarians and students who do not feel comfortable eating the meat at school.

Although Pasquarello assures students that GQ uses quality meats and cold cuts, there is an obvious difference in appearance alone between these cold cuts and cold cuts seen in upscale delis, which are usually Boar's Head Meats.

The brand of turkey used to make sandwiches at Muhlenberg is Jennie-O, and in 1999 Jennie-O also distributed undercooked "extra lean white turkey" sliced luncheon meat to many states throughout the country.

In terms of the appearance and quality of meats, Danielle Pino '06 said, "There is no lean turkey, it is all fatty, discolored and looks like the scraps of the turkey." Pasquarello said, "the school goes through a lot of turkey," but that does not necessarily mean it is quality turkey. It means that students need to put something in their sandwiches.

As a vegetarian, Melissa Gilmore '06 said, "Finding healthy food that provides protein is not easy. There is only so much salad I can eat, and it remains frustrating that the quality of the lettuce in GQ is not always fresh and is sometimes dry and brown."

In terms of other suggestions to benefit vegetarians, picky eaters, and health conscious eaters, GQ could offer fresher salads, vegetarian sandwiches, hummus and cream cheese dips with vegetables or spinach dips. Another option is to offer tofu in GQ, which is a healthy soy product full of protein and nutrients. In addition to the tofu, tuna fish is another good source of protein for non-meat eaters; however, the ready-made tuna fish in GQ is made with Ken's Extra Heavy Mayonnaise. There are 100 calories per tablespoon in this extra heavy mayonnaise.

When a student approached Pasquarello about the amount of mayonnaise in the tuna, which overpowers the taste of the actual fish, he responded, "We follow Sodexho's recipe for making the tuna fish." Although Muhlenberg has to follow the direct ingredients and recipes from Sodexho, they could easily offer plain tuna in the sandwich area with choices of different types of mayonnaise, which would allow each individual student to make tuna to his or her liking.

Kevin Brydzinski '06 said, "Tuna is a healthy food, and using large quantities of heavy mayonnaise makes it more fattening, higher in calories and doesn't taste good. My roommates and I make our own tuna with 'normal' amounts of mayo."

Within the past year, the food selection in GQ has significantly improved; however, there is more to be done to satisfy the needs of the Student Body. Although Muhlenberg's Dining Services does not have the authority to change food items in GQ, they can make more of an effort to communicate students' needs and wants to Sodexho. Hopefully, in the near future students will be able to satisfy their cravings for healthy foods such as fruits, vegetables, and lean meats at GQ.

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Be Cool
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Constantine
Fri. 9:50
Sat. 9:50

Hitch
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Hostage
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Ice Princess
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Million Dollar Baby
Fri. 4:00, 7:00
Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

The Pacifier
Fri. 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 5:15, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30

The Ring 2
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Robots
Fri. 5:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 2:40, 5:00, 7:40

The Joys of Coffee: *Hamilton Perk*

By Sarah Smith
Asst. Life! Editor

This is the second in a series of coffee shop reviews. All reviews will be conducted in the College area, and each will be centered on rating the taste of coffee. All ratings will be conducted on a scale of 1-10 for each item consumed; each shop will also be rated on cleanliness, atmosphere and value. An average rating is given at the end of each review.

Hamilton Perk Café is wedged between the many stores in its vicinity at 722 West Hamilton Street. The Perk hails the passerby down by its big glass window advertising everything and anything you could want. Gourmet coffee, cappuccino, ice cream, sandwiches, milkshakes, Italian ice, bagels, and smoothies are offered to possible customers.

Walking through the narrow entryway, one huge mirror that takes up half of a wall is immediately noticed. The place is pretty tight and confined, so the mirror offers the illusion of space and light.

The wall opposite is completely blank--no pictures, no signs, nothing. It is just a huge expanse of white wall. The floor is white and not so clean, but the students are willing to dismiss that as people walk all over it every day, and it's bound to get dirty. And hey, the tables are clean, and the chairs match as well.

A friendly woman at the counter greeted the four customers and saw to their needs. Although she was very personable, her service was quite slow, and she lacked a professional air.

The radio was blaring, and the topic of discussion was "the last time you had sex." One would think that the woman serving would say, "Sorry, I'll switch the station," or remark on how inappropriate the subject was. But, instead all she did was answer with a smile, "I love this station!" She is dressed in a tight, pink top and way too snug jeans. Overall, she is very trendy and "funkalicious."

The students sat down at one of the wooden tables and were faced with a glass vase filled with yellow, plastic flowers. The vase had the price tag residue still on its bottom. It was a good but failed attempt at cheering up the slightly dismal and dingy place. Books perched on a high shelf offer some reading material.

However, there was no way to reach the shelf, and it was located all the way in the back of the store. Looking around, the paint was peeling off the floorboards, there were random holes in the walls (some even exposing pipes) and fluorescent lamps did little to provide mood lighting. Faux wooden fans hang from the ceiling, promising cool breezes on hot summer days.

The table offered "splendid" views of Hamilton Jean Fashions, Golden Phoenix Jewelers, and NY Fashions, not to be confused with NY and Co. Surprisingly, people waved into the window, and hip hop music had taken over the air-waves.

Sarah Smith '07 ordered the crumb cake and a small café mocha. The cake was dressed "with lots of crumb topping and yummy cinnamon swirled in."

It was such a good-sized portion that she even brought some home. The small café mocha was $2.99 and hit the spot at first. However, after finishing half she complained, "I had to stop because I felt nauseous." **Coffee Rating: 6. Pastry Rating: 7.**

Dan McClung '08 also got the café mocha, but instead of a small, ordered a medium at $3.99. After taking several sips he stated, "It

SEE **HAMILTON** | PAGE 11

Student Spotlight: Keith Mann

By Jackie Starner
Asst. Life! Editor

Although Keith Mann '07 distinguished himself by completing the New York City Marathon in November, he remains humble and laid-back about himself and his accomplishment.

Keith Mann '07 relaxes and plays video games.

Photo by Sarah Smith

Mann, who lost his left leg below the knee during his junior year of high school, has always been naturally athletic. In fact, to train for the NYC marathon Mann tried to run at least once a week.

The longest he had ever run before completing the 26.2 mile race was sixteen miles.

Mann's motivation for participating in the marathon was one of his mom's coworkers Steve Kay. When Mann was in the hospital after his accident, Kay visited him and promised that one day he would run in the NYC Marathon.

At the time, running in a marathon was the furthest thing from Mann's mind, but as he rehabilitated he began to think that Kay's proposal was indeed possible. Last fall, Mann finally took up Kay on his offer because "it seemed like the right thing to do."

When asked if Kay has become a mentor to him, Mann said that he actually doesn't even talk to Steve Kay that much.

However, Mann does thank Kay for giving him the opportunity to run in the NYC Marathon, and does believe the marathon was a rewarding experience though at the time "it was torture."

Mann does not seem to give himself the credit he deserves in a lot of areas.

He said "I spend a lot of time being a bum." In truth, however, Mann is a member of Delta Tau Delta, a Communication major, and also a participant in the Elementary Education program at Muhlenberg. The Program is not in and of itself a major yet it requires extensive fieldwork. Currently, Mann is doing his fieldwork with a first grade teacher.

Right now he is simply observing in the classroom setting, but before

SEE **MANN** | PAGE 14

Session I Starts May 23!

MUHLENBERG
SUMMER STUDY

Register Now

It's the perfect time
to catch up or move ahead!

A wide selection of
4-, 6- and 10-week courses available, including:

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Asian Traditions
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilization
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Science
- History
- Mathematical Sciences
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Spanish
- Studio Arts

FOR MORE INFORMATION
contact The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College
at 484-664-3300 or visit:
www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/summer

Registrations accepted: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m. to noon

horoscopes

By Philli D'Vine and the writers of *Malibu's Most Wanted*

Aries

"Damn doesn't anyone know where the damn driveway is?" Oo, having a bad day? I know that Spring Break is over and we all have to come back from our tropical destinations or wintery holes, but do not take your end-of-break aggression out on the teachers and staff of this college. It's just not nice. They don't appreciate it. Next week, I think you'll be in a better mood.

Taurus

"My name is B-rad. Not Robbie van Winkle. I like my lattes non-fat and don't forget the sprinkle." Summer is almost here, and everyone wants to look their best for swimsuit season. But know that dieting is ok as long as its done in a healthy way. Exercise and good eats. Remember to reward yourself a little. Don't get just one sprinkle!! Splurge and get a bunch more.

Gemini

"I'm gonna be on the campaign trizzy too, 24/7. You know, kissin' babes and whatnot." Going for secretary, VP or just a representative for your class? Be careful. It's not all fun and games, glitzy photos and paparazzi. Politics can be tricky and very diffiicult to handle. But I think that you have what it takes. So, go for the gold! Live out your political dreams. I ain't gonna stop you.

Cancer

"You a long was from the beach now, punk! We in South Central! The ghetto! The projects!" Hey! Allentown is not that bad, kinda. Ok its got some bad parts but nothing that I would classify as ghettoish. Have some appreciation for the nice things that this town has to offer. It has some very pretty parks, art museums and theatres. Get off your butt! It's time to explore.

Leo

"You say one more line and I'mma have to smoke myself!" Okay, buddy calm down. You have a great week ahead of you with low stress due to some sweet teachers who know the pain of Spring Break returns. A hoppin' St. Patty's Day is in your forecast too. So wear your green and be prepared for something good coming your way.

Virgo

"KING KONG...AIN'T GOT-NOTHING...ON ME!"You are so right! You really are amazing, nice to your friends and call your parents. You even take care of your roommate's fish. Truly, you deserve some kind of award. Look to Friday to bring you that joy. Blue skies and singing birds are on their way. Maybe love is in the air?

Libra

"We run hardcore up in here." Yo, tell me about it bro. This snow is bringing down everyone's spirits, but don't worry. Never fear. Things will get better, and the winter will eventually end. This semester you're going to rock the house with stellar grades, foo. Mom and Pop are gonna be so proud of their kid. So just hold out for the sunny skies that are right around the corner.

Scorpio

"And they mean, too!" Having trouble making friends? Not feeling too popular these days? Chill boy, chill. It just takes time and effort to do these things. You are going to get up from your computer screen and take a shower. The month of April is going to be magic for you, so don't worry. Join some clubs and see what a little April showers can do for you.

Sagittarius

"Hey, yo, that was ill. Hey where'd you learn that from? Hm, maybe from class? If you went, you might have known that interesting little tidbit of information too. Don't worry, once you get back into the school time groove, going to classes will be as nice as piece of Granny's apple pie. Just be warned, a pop quiz is looming in the future. So, be prepared.

Capricorn

"I got sumtin' to say, and I need the world to hear it." You go for it! Your confidence level is through the roof this week. So run with it! You can do no wrong. Take this time to approach teachers on touchy subjects, maybe confront that friend who you've had a quarrel with, or just walk around like you own the world. Strut your stuff and love every fiber of who you are.

Aquarius

"Don't be hatin' " You have a terrible predjudiced view of the world. You are looking for fault in everything around you and in everyone you know. Lighten up man! We are only human, and the world is not a perfect place. Don't be so touchy and relax. News flash: you do not have to be perfect either. So take a chill pill.

Pisces

"What made you think that you know what goes down in the hood anyway? You don't know everything and you should probably stop acting like you do. Maybe you are not aware of it, but acting like a know-it-all really bothers some people. A lot of people actually. They may not have the courage to tell you but just be aware of the feelings of others and stop already.

SEX | FROM PAGE 10

Granted these are direct questions, but consider the direct and personal action you're about to share in before sweeping aside these efforts at sexual safety. Sex is intimate, it is personal and it's a direct encounter of genitals and genital fluids.

Now unless you're saving up a list of all your partners for the eve of your wedding night, the answers to these questions ought to be shared without hesitation.

And if you don't know the answers, it's probably time to make yourself a list of all your partners and head down to the nearest health bureau or doctor's office to get yourself tested for everything-yes, even HIV. One day you'll meet a sultry, sophisticated, safe sexual partner, who justly wants to know who else has shared the intimacy of your genital embrace and what germs they might be in danger of receiving.

Having received positive STD results in addition to losing family members to the untreatable and incurable HIV virus, I'm an adamant supporter of what may seem uncomfortable and frank sex chat because, in all honesty, it can be a life-saving conversation.

Plus, three out of five of the leading STD's are both treatable and curable, so if you're aware you can take action.

Added bonus: the next time you have the sex chat, the answer to question #4 can be "I'm clean."

Ultimately, since sex is best when truly shared, honest and comfortable it is essential to be safe in sexual exploration so that you can share yourself fully with a partner you trust and who can trust you.

And reader, don't leave the responsibility of safety solely to your partner. Be pro-active, pack extra condoms and get tested; peace of mind, after all, is the best after mint to passionate sex.

HAMILTON | FROM PAGE 11

tastes like Starbucks... that's bad." Hardly a euphoric experience for Dan, he tried the frosted sticky bun, hoping to find something good in his food and drink choice. Unfortunately, his hopes are dashed, as the bun turns out to be only slightly better than his coffee. He remarked that it "tastes prepackaged, like it came from a vending machine." **Coffee Rating: 5. Pastry Rating: 5.2.**

Lauren Wiesner '05 grabbed a chocolate chip muffin from the basket for $1.75. Although the muffin top was tasty, capped with many chips, the rest of the muffin was completely barren of their chocolaty goodness. She said, "I feel quite deceived by this muffin."

She was disappointed, as any respectable chocolate chip muffin lover would be in such a circumstance. She also remarked, "It was very heavy... like, I'm going into sugar shock."

Thankfully, she did enjoy the small hot chocolate for $1.79. It was a nice bargain and provided some much needed warmth on the chilly day. **Hot Chocolate: 7. Muffin Rating: 5.**

Amanda Phillips '05 ordered a medium chai at $2.12. Served piping hot, she was at first impressed by its distinct flavor. She said, "It's artificially good. Some things are artificially good, like Fruit Loops. So is this." She continued to sip at it, finally comparing it to "a candy apple--only good for the first few bites." Upon asking her advice for future chai drinkers of America, she calmly responded, "Do not snort it. It's spicy." She also bought a blueberry muffin for $1.75. As she aptly put it, "This muffin is to food what Clinton's healthcare plan was to American healthcare." **Chai Rating: 5.5. Muffin Rating: 4.**

Darkness started to fall on the quaint urban setting and someone suggested leaving. Heartily nodding in agreement, the foursome left, nauseated and sugar high. **OVERALL Rating: 5.**

MANN | FROM PAGE 13

the end of the semester he will be planning and teaching his own lessons to the class.

In the future, Mann definitely sees himself as an educator at the elementary level.

Mann's relaxed personality allowed him to bounce back quickly after his accident and to do the things he used to do just in different ways. He does admit that his handicap is frustrating at times because he was athletic before and will never be able to compete at his former level.

However, Mann continues to pick-up new sports, his favorite being tennis. He also plays in the National Amputees Soccer League. This summer Mann hopes to travel to Brazil to play in the 2005 Amputee Soccer World Championships. Someday, Mann may even play in the Paralympics when amputee soccer reaches that status.

Interestingly, Mann mentioned his participation in the National Amputees Soccer League as an afterthought.

At first he simply said that he played soccer with his crutches; it slipped his mind that he participated in elite international amputee soccer competitions.

Despite his loss, Mann does not retain any bitterness. He actually has a sense of humor about his leg and makes jokes about it all the time. "Everything just falls in its place," said Mann.

He does not make extensive plans for the future because he has faith that everything will work out.

Enroll now and get $100 back!

GRE GMAT LSAT MCAT
DAT OAT PCAT TOEFL

Receive $100 rebate when you enroll in a Kaplan course between March 1 and March 31.

Limited time offer!

Call or visit us online for more information or to enroll.

Higher test scores guaranteed or your money back**

KAPLAN®

Test Prep and Admissions

1-800-KAP-TEST
kaptest.com/rebate

*Test names are registered trademarks of their respective owners. **Conditions and restrictions apply. For complete guarantee eligibility requirements, visit kaptest.com/hsg.
The Higher Score Guarantee applies only to Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions courses taken and completed in the United States and Canada.
The Higher Score Guarantee does not apply to PCAT and TOEFL courses. Rebate restrictions apply. Must enroll between 3/1/05 and 3/31/05. Visit kaptest.com/rebate for complete information.

BASEBALL

FROM PAGE 20

Sassaman set up Oris and Carlo to single them home. Oris then scored after stealing second. A Bettini double then plated Carlo.

The next inning proved to be offensively explosive as well. Block and Hart got on base and set up Oris for a three run home run. The next inning, Oris produced again, blasting a double that sent Sassaman home. In the last two innings, the Mules increased their lead, scoring eight runs.

In the seventh inning, Block and Kessler reached base, and Hart ripped a two-run double. Oris then hit in Hart. Hegstrom led off with a double and scored off of a wild pitch in the eighth. Bettini walked, and Junior James Petersen laced an RBI triple. Block kept the inning alive with an RBI single and Kessler reached base and was singled home by Sassaman. Sassaman stole second and was sent home on a single by Sophomore Jason Bonder.

The Mules kept up their offense in an 11-8 win over Wheaton (Ill.) the next day. The game broke open in the third when Junior Steve Lapicki and Kessler each singled, and Sassaman ripped a triple to left center field sending the two baserunners home.

In the fifth, Oris doubled home Hart and Long. Carlo's single to right field sent Oris across the plate before he eventually rounded the bases himself. In the sixth inning Sassaman and Long got on base and Oris blasted another two-run double. Then came a big hit from Hegstrom in the seventh as he started the inning off with a triple; Bettini singled him home. The next inning capped off the offense as Hart led off with a single and later scored off of an RBI single to left center from Tobia.

On March 9th, the Mules faced Beloit again, this time in a 15-13 loss. Despite this, the Mules had a lot to be proud of: the team, down 11-1, battled back with pitching from Freshman Paul Faith and a defense that kept the Beloit scoreless in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Kessler reached a career milestone, becoming the 26th Mule to join the 100-hit club. His 100th hit was in the eighth inning when he blasted a two-run single which put the Mules within one run at 13-12. Two more runs in the last inning made it a Bucaneers win.

The Mules came back from the loss to defeat Lake Erie, 18-1. Sophomore Jason Bonder had a historic game in his second career start. He stuck out fourteen batters, surpassing the record held by Senior co-Captain Gregg Burkhart. Burkhart had thirteen strike outs versus Moravian in 2003. Bonder is the sixth pitcher to strike out fourteen or more batters in a game. He was named Centennial Conference co-pitcher of the week. Along with Bonder, the rest of the pitching staff had a strong week. Senior pitcher Matt Cooper stated, "Our pitchers are off to a good start. Bonder really stepped up in the [Lake Erie] game and Peter "the pistol" Lankarge really came into his own this week."

Along with Bonder, Long also had a record-breaking game, adding his name to the 100-hit club. Tobia went three for six on the day with two doubles and four RBIs.

One day after reaching the century mark, Long had an exceptional game versus nationally-ranked Arcadia. In his first at-bat versus the 27th ranked team, he smacked a two-run homer which brought the Mules within one run at 3-2. After widening their lead with seven runs, the Knights came away with a 17-6 win, and the Mules were left with a 4-3 record.

The games previewed what should be a promising year. "After Arizona we're excited to see what the season will bring." said Senior co-Captain Gregg Burkhart.

LACROSSE

FROM PAGE 17

ground balls, held Scranton to just six goals.

The Mules suffered their first loss to twelfth-ranked Lynchberg, despite offensive efforts from Junior Brian Schimaneck, Westendorf and Toohill who combined for the Mules' five goals. Lynchberg pulled out to an early lead and never let up, defeating the Mules by twelve.

Despite coming off of a hard loss, the Mules have an optimistic outlook for the rest of the season. "We have the talent. We're just a young team, and we need to mature," said sophomore defender Christian Messler.

"We play tough. There is a lot of character to build on" added Messler.

The Mules' next game is this Saturday against Montclair State University. After four games, Montclair State has a rec ord of one win and three losses.

Forgive Fine Day

Muhlenberg College
Trexler Library
March 21st

★ **Do you have a video you've forgotten to return?**
Bring a canned good/non-perishable food item and the video to the library on March 21st and we'll waive your fine.

★ **Do you have an Interlibrary Loan that's overdue?**
Bring a canned good/non-perishable food item and the book to the library on March 21st and we'll waive your fine.

★ **Have you found that book you thought was lost?**
Bring a canned good/non-perishable food item and the book to the library on March 21st and we'll waive your fine.

All canned goods/non-perishable items will be donated to food banks in the Allentown Community.

All items must be in good condition to qualify for this offer.

Mules lose opener

Season could still be a win

By Joe Nash
Weekly Sports Writer

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The Mules kicked off their season with an opener against Franklin and Marshall College. With both their scrimmage and first game cancelled due to inclement weather, the Mules stood their ground against the Diplomats but could not hold on. They were defeated 16-7.

The game was a significant improvement from last year when the Mules fell 18-3 to the Diplomats in the middle of the 2004 season. Considering that this was the first time the Mules played in a game situation this season, the game proved to be an encouraging opener.

The Diplomats took the lead early, with Junior Kiki Foster tapping in an unassisted goal at just 3:41. A little over two minutes later, Senior Alexis O'Meara hit one in to make the score 2-0. At 8:41, O'Meara made another goal.

Then the Mules came back when Senior Christa Carlstrand tapped in the first of her four goals.

The Mules did not score again until Carlstrand tapped in a second goal at 32:22. The Diplomats answered with another goal, making the score 10-3.

Though Carlstrand had another two goals at 48:05 and 49:42, the Mules could not catch up. The game ended with a score of 16-7.

A primarily defensive game, the Mules struggled on offense. Carlstrand, however, had a strong offensive presence, scoring four times for her sixth career hat trick. Junior Steph Light recorded one assist. Senior goalie Diana Bleakley had a strong defensive game with fourteen saves in the cage.

The Mules next play Tuesday against Chestnut Hill College.

Junior Shannon Donohue tries to safe-guard the ball from the Diplomats defender. Ultimately the Mules fall, 16-7.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Mules start strong

By Shannon Donohue
Weekly Sports Writer

MEN'S LACROSSE

For the second year in a row, the Mules beat DeSales University in their season opener. The Mules have endured numerous losses over the past year, including several key players and a head coach; however, they are undoubtedly responding positively to the changes.

The loss of junior midfielder Dave Armstrong, who still ranks as the Mules leading scorer, as well as former coach Dave Cornell are two challenges the Mules face heading into their third season as a Varsity program. The team is bouncing back from these losses with a winning record at the close of their opening weeks.

The Mules' opener vs. DeSales began with a goal from sophomore defenseman Kyle Hart, and was followed by eleven more by eight different players to clinch a 12-5 win for the Mules.

Junior James Robinson and Sophomore Sean Toohill led the offense with three goals each; Robinson's last goal brought him to the 40th of his career.

"[Robinson] is a great finisher," said Junior Galen Marsh, whose tenacity in the midfield helps to make goals happen for the Mules' attack. "[He] has a great shot, and most of the strength he puts behind those shots is actually derived from his ankles," said Marsh.

However, arguably the best offensive contribution against DeSales came from Freshman Mickey Norton, who, along with Freshman Kyle Farris, scored his first collegiate goal. Norton also recorded four assists, just one short of a school record for assists in a single game. "Mickey, 'eagle-eye' Norton has been a huge asset to this team," said Robinson. "He's great at finding the open cutters out there."

Norton's "eye for assists" was further proven during the Mules next game when he recorded three more assists and added two goals vs. the University of Scranton. Junior co-Captain John Westendorf notched four goals, and Freshmen James Corley, Tim Dwyre and Brendan Moriarty each scored the first goals of their careers.

At the end of their win, twelve different Mules players had scored. The defense, led by Senior co-Captain Bradley Lutzer and Hart, who leads the team in

SEE **LACROSSE** | PAGE 16

Winter Season Wrap-up

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

As a softball player I may be a little biased, but after what seems like an eternity, the spring season is finally here! However, after such a successful winter there are a few things that still need to be wrapped up. There's a record breaking women's basketball team, notable performances from multiple men's basketball players, high-ranking wrestlers and a victorious indoor track season. The snowy winter season ended with an All-American, seventeen academic honor roll athletes, gold medalists and All-Conference selections.

Two basketball players were named to the All-Centennial Conference team. On the women's basketball **Junior Kristen Piscadlo** earned All-Centennial Conference honorable mention recognition for the first time in her collegiate career. She is second in the Centennial Conference in assists with 107, third in three-pointers with 57, fourth in assist-to-turnover ratio at 1.45, sixth in steals with 56 and thirteenth in scoring with 11.8 points per game. Piscadlo led the Centennial Conference in assists in league games and added her name to the College's record books as the second player in team history to notch back-to-back 100-assist seasons.

Sophomore Jeff Stewart was named to the second-team, moving up from the honorable mention honors he received freshman year. He leads the Centennial Conference in rebounding with 10.1 boards per game and blocked shots with 56. He is third in scoring with 19.4 points per game and seventh in field-goal percentage at .529. Stewart also set a Centennial Conference record with sixteen double-doubles in 25 games, and he scored in double figures 24 times.

Another honor awarded at the conclusion of the winter season was the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll selection. A student must be at least a sophomore with a 3.4 GPA and must be a starter or key reserve on his or her team.

Four seniors made the Honor Roll each of the last three seasons: from the track team, **Senior Meghan Douglas-Snyder** is an English major. Classmate **Samantha Sachleben** has a double major in Psychology and Political Science. **Christopher Martin** has a double major in Chemistry and Philosophy. **Senior Gwen Doyle** of the women's basketball team is a Business Administration major.

Other Honor Roll recipients include: **Senior Jeff Salzano, Juniors Karen Mount** and **Jason Finkelstein, Sophomores Hilary Blum, Lauren Carballo, Kim David** and **Shelley Rosenberg** from the Track and Field team; **Senior Aril Bryant, Junior Lindsay Orosz and Sophomore Emily Wright** from the Women's Basketball team; **Sophomore Tom Scott** from the Men's Basketball team; and **Sophomores Matt Loesch** and **Michael Tenenhaus** from Wrestling,

Sophomore Matt Loesch finished fourth at 197 at the NCAA Division III Championships in Northfield, Minn. After winning his first two bouts, he was pinned by the third seed, ending his winning streak at 21. He finished the season with a record of 30-5, making him the fourth wrestler in team history to win 30 matches in a single season. He is the first non-senior to earn All-American status.

At Easten College Athletic Conference Championships, the winter track team was victorious as the women tied for eleventh and the men placed sixteenth. The men's 4x800 relay team of **Senior Christopher Martin, Sophomore Lex Mercado, Senior Calvin Tintle** and **Sophomore Stephen Rothwell** took home the gold. Not only did they bring home the first place trophy; they also brought back a new school record, demolishing the previous record by almost ten seconds. **Freshman Sara Gearin, Junior Karen Mount** and **Senior Ashlie Hankee** ran the 1,000 meter, 1,500 meter and 55-meter hurdles, respectively. All broke their own school records and placed in the top seven.

UNDERCLASSMEN SPOTLIGHTS

Lex Mercado

By Allison Auclair
SPORTS EDITOR

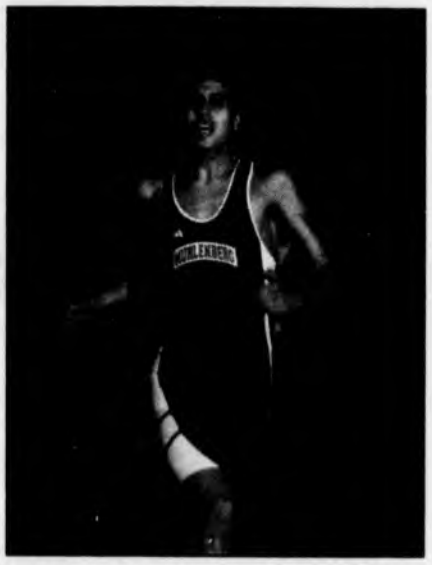
As a sophomore, Lex Mercado has become a dominant athletic force as one of the top runners on the Cross Country and Track Teams. Honored as the "Freshman of the Year," Mercado finished his rookie season with two silver and one bronze metal for his second place finish in the 800, fourth place in the 400 and his contribution to the three indoor relay teams. His success has continued to this season as he delivers strong performances everyday. As a middle-distance and distance athlete, Mercado regularly places in the top three Conference runners in the 800 meters.

When the Mules had their first ever home meet earlier this season, Mercado's performance was nothing less than spectacular. He ran in all three of the final events, winning the 400 meter, placing third in the 200 and anchoring the 4x400 team.

Mercado's success is nothing new; he was the Pennsylvania Prep School State Champion for High School Cross Country in 2001 and graduated from William Penn Charter High School as a two-time Most Valuable Player in cross country and track. He was the first runner in his high school to win the state competition in cross country since 1991 and currently holds two high school league cross country championship finishes.

Outside of track, Mercado is a prominent figure on campus, usually seen dancing with a radio in hand and a huge smile on his face. As one of the College's few Disc Jockey's, Mercado provides the music at greek formals, school dances and other functions. Teammate Sophomore Tim Seeley claims that Mercado's energy and love for life is contagious and pushes others to succeed as well. "He is a very energetic individual and is always supportive of everyone no matter who they are, " Seeley said.

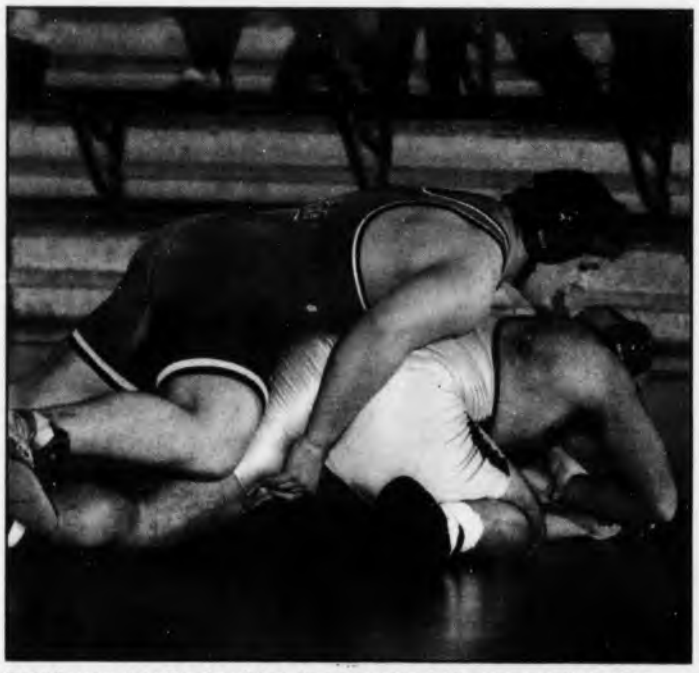
Priding himself on his ability to have fun, Mercado attributes his personal success to his cheerful and fun-spirited nature. "I feel that having a good time is the key to succeeding at anything, and although I work hard to achieve my best, track is something that is also very enjoyable and exciting."



Sophomore Lex Mercado races for the finish line.

PHOTO COURTESY THE MUHLENBERG WEBSITE

As Mercado remains an underclassman, he has many aspirations for himself and his team. "As a team, I hope we beat Haverford, as they are the dominant force in the Centennial Conference, and I also anticipate us reaching our goal of qualifying for the NCAA Championships in Cross Country," Mercado said. "Personally, I look forward to qualifying individually for the NCAA Championship and eventually winning a national title."



Freshman Joe Tartar tries to pressure his opponent to the floor.

PHOTO COURTESY THE MUHLENBERG WEBSITE

Joe Tartar

By Kristen Ziegler
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into the Centennial Conference Championships, Freshman Joe Tartar had established himself as a heavy-weight wrestler. He had lost only one Conference match-up and had a 17-7 record overall. His 0.708 winning percentage ranked him second in his weight class. He ranked third in the Conference with eleven falls. "He has done a lot more than you would expect any freshman to do," said Junior co-Captain Dale Mills.

Tartar has been wrestling since he was five, but in high school, he was on the football, wrestling and the track and field teams. In his junior year wrestling, Tartar was a PIAA state-qualifier and took second in the state. He currently holds the pin and team points record for his high school. Tartar was second in the district championships for Division 11.

When not wrestling, Tartar is a Biochemistry major. "I am always working," says Tartar, "Especially with football and wrestling, it is hard to get all of my work done." With his work, his practices and an extra hour lifting, Tartar does not have much free time, but when he does, he knows how to spend it. "I like the outdoors, skiing. I like to hang out with my friends."

Those friends include the wrestling team. "Out team is pretty close-knit. We hang out together; we're like a family," said Tartar. Team members see him as someone upon whom they can depend. "He's very quiet," said Mills, "But he always goes out and does what he's asked."

Though Tartar may impress others with his season; he is working to do better. In addition to beating the pin record, Tartar "would like to win the Conference and go to nationals next year."

Jeff Stewart

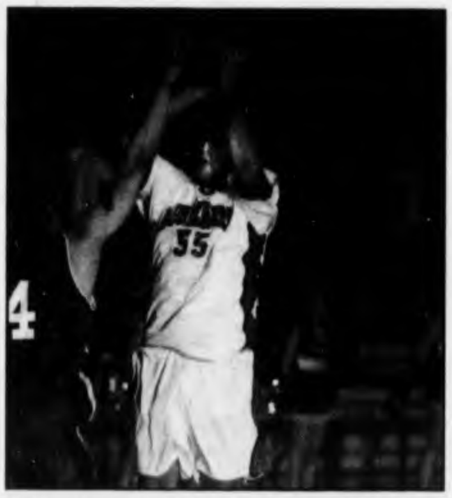
By Tara DeMarzo
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Sophomore Jeff Stewart explained his high school basketball career stating, "just four years ago I didn't even play eight minutes a game." At college, Stewart is a center who dominated the court this year, leading the Conference in rebounding and blocked shots with 56 and setting a Conference record with sixteen double-doubles.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity to play. I worked really hard and saw myself playing college basketball the summer after senior year of high school. I worked really hard," said Stewart.

Stewart had two main goals coming into this season: for the team to make the playoffs and to score 1,000 points. Stewart didn't think he would get to 1,000 this season but has had this goal since high school. His aspirations for next season include a spot in the Conference playoffs and a ranking in the nation's top 25. Personally, Stewart would like to see his 1,000 points, break his own double-double record and "see teammate [Sophomore] Chris Huber get some time on the floor."

Stewart noted his father as a huge influence, "He comes to all my games and likes to watch me. It's nice to play for him." Off the court, Stewart likes to relax, play video games and focus on schoolwork. Senior Dante Borden is a role model because "he is a good student and works hard on and off the court." Stewart also looks to NBA player Tim Duncan who has a "balance between power and finesse" and has a respectable reputation in the community and the league.



Sophomore Jeff Stewart shoots for the hoop.

PHOTO COURTESY THE MUHLENBERG WEBSITE

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Ashlie Hankee

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Ashlie Hankee has come a long way since running for the team that placed seventh at the Centennial Conference Championships her freshman season. She broke her own record in the 55m hurdles at the 2005 Centennial Conference Championships to earn a silver medal and was part of the College's first gold medal winning relay team as a leg of the 4x200m. The women's team had its best showing ever at the Championships, finishing second.

In the ECACs, Hankee not only placed in the top sixth of the field in both the 55m hurdles and the 4x200, but also broke the College record. In the 55m hurdles, Hankee's time of 8.66 beat her time of 8.68 set in the Conference Championships. The 4x200 team broke the College record that was set the previous week at the Conference Championships.

When the outdoor season rolls along, Hankee will be competing in three more of her record-holding events for the final time: the 100m hurdles, 100m dash, the 4x100m and the 200m.

Hankee attended high school at Northern Lehigh but graduated from Allentown Central Catholic, where she also played basketball and softball for a tournament team. She still holds the records at both schools in the 100m hurdles for outdoor track.

As the Conference Champion in the 55m hurdles her freshman year, Hankee hopes to break more records come the spring season. "This year my times are a lot closer to my record times, and I'm hoping to break them. I especially want to break my PR in the 100m hurdles," Hankee said.

A Spanish major with education certification--she studied abroad in Seville, Spain this past summer--Hankee will complete her student teaching in an additional fall semester. Thankful for the opportunities the College has given her, she especially thanks Coach Hackett: "He used to let me run here on the new track my junior and senior years of high school because we didn't have a track. If I ever needed anything, I could go to him. If not for him, I wouldn't be here [at Muhlenberg]."

Senior Ashlie Hankee takes the hurdles in an effort to run down a win.
PHOTO COURTESY THE MUHLENBERG WEBSITE

Senior John Brodowski pole vaults into fourth place at the CC Championships.
PHOTO COURTESY THE MUHLENBERG WEBSITE

John Brodowski

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

One of the most versatile athletes on the men's track team, John Brodowski has proven himself on many levels. He holds four indoor track records, regularly achieves ECAC qualifying times, and has the chance to qualify for nationals in the 55m hurdles, long jump, 4x200m relay and the pentathlon. He competes in the high jump, the pole vault and the 4x400m relay.

At the 2005 Conference Championships, Brodowski won silver medals in the high jump and long jump, placed fourth in the pole vault and sixth as part of the 4x200m relay team. At the ECACs, Brodowski set a new school record in the pentathlon, with a fourth place finish of 3296.

The 2003 indoor high jump champion, Brodowski qualified for ECACs all four years at Muhlenberg and qualified for nationals the past two years in the decathlon, which he places thirteenth in last year.

"I think I can definitely improve on my decathlon finish this year. I didn't peak well last year, and now I'm ready to go," said Brodowski.

In high school (Bordentown, N.J./Bordentown Regional) Brodowski was captain of the football and basketball teams, earning all-county recognition in both sports and all-state and all-academic accolades in football. As far as track, Brodowski was a member of the Group I NJ State Championship team and the 100m hurdles state champion. He still holds the 400m intermediate hurdles record at Bordentown.

At Muhlenberg, Brodwoski was awarded the Sidney G. Weikert and Centennial Conference Field Athlete of the Year awards his sophomore season and was named the team's Most Valuable Athlete as a junior.

A Business Administration and International Studies double major, Brodowski hopes to "enter the government sector first and then go into an international business field" and attend graduate school.

Aril Bryant

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

A 5'3" point guard from Honesdale, Pa., Aril Bryant has excelled during her four years on the women's basketball team despite only averaging 1.1 points per game last season.

"My job is to pass. I always look to pass first; I don't shoot," said Bryant. This strategy paid great dividends as she finished her senior season ranked second in the Centennial Conference in assist-to-turnover (1.7) and eleventh in assists with 68, averaging 2.72 per game. Bryant is only the sixth player in team history to reach double digits in assists (ten) as she did this season against Haverford College. Finishing her career with 185 assists, she also ties for tenth on the all-time list.

In her basketball days at Honesdale High School, Bryant was a four year Varsity athlete and was captain her final season. "Surprisingly I was the leading scorer on my high school team, but I accepted my new role at Muhlenberg," said Bryant.

In addition to her successes on the court, Bryant has also been named to the Lehigh Valley Small College Scholar-Athlete team and the Academic All-Conference team. An Art major, Bryant is "interested in production or layouts, something with photography."

Looking back on her time as a Mule, Bryant claims that she'll miss her team the most: "I'll miss just having a place to go everyday and knowing that thirteen other girls have your back. You can always find them," said Bryant. "I'll definitely miss basketball but not as much as those other things."

Senior Aril Bryant watches downcourt as she dribbles the ball.
PHOTO COURTESY THE MUHLENBERG WEBSITE

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Inside: *Men's Lacrosse earns 2-1 record in openers. page 17*

Inside: *Senior and Underclassmen Spotlights. pages 18-19*

Hard to break these bats

By Tiffany Kirk
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

SOFTBALL

The Mules made a stand at the Rebel Spring Games with two of their three losses coming against Muskingham and Washington Colleges (Mo.), who were ranked sixth and ninth in the country, respectively. With help from the swing of Junior Missy DeFrain and arm of Junior Kristina Cartolano, the Mules returned with a 6-3 record.

On the first day, the Mules exploded with two wins as they defeated Theil College with a score of 18-9 and Waynesburg 4-2. Trailing 6-4 in the fifth inning, the Mules had eight runners cross the plate. Both DeFrain and Junior Lindsay Ruhling had four RBIs to account for the eighteen-run tally. This was the most scored in a season-opening game in the team's history and the most scored in a game since the 22-0 game against Swarthmore College in 1999.

Against Waynesburg College, Cartolano allowed six hits to record her first of three wins in the tournament. Junior Tara DeMarzo triple scored Sophomore Hilary Marinchak. Following that, DeFrain tailed two runners to home plate as the ball rolled to the fence down the first base line to record her first career home run.

The second day proved memorable for Freshman Katie Vechionne as she not only made her first-career pitching start, but made everyone remember her performance. With great defensive support against Marietta College, Vechionne allowed thirteen hits, no walks and had three strikeouts. Two strikeouts came against Marietta's top two hitters in the bottom of the fourth with runners in scoring position.

As for the bats, Junior Andrea Cohen hit two doubles, one of which brought in two runs with two outs in the second and the other brought in one in the four-run seventh.

Facing ninth-ranked Washington College (Mo.), the Mules' high hopes were not high enough as six of thirteen Washington hits were doubles. The Mules kept alive with a great defensive play. Marinchak ended the first inning with a throw to catch the runner at home and Senior co-Captain Kadie Serfass hit a two-out RBI single in the second. Unfortunately, the Mules were beaten. for the first time this season. as the game ended 14-2.

The Mules bounced back as Senior co-Captain Ally Ogden pitched a shutout against Penn State Behrend. With the help of defense and Cohen's record-breaking eight assists at third base, Ogden completed the shutout with one strikeout. The game was a little over two innings from a no-hitter as Ogden allowed a single to right field in the fifth. Ogden added her own RBI single in the fourth following back-to-back singles by Demarzo and Ruhling. The Mules scored six of their nine runs during the inning as they brought eleven batters to the plate.

Cartolano and DeFrain stepped back into the action as the Mules defeated Eastern 7-1. Cartolano allowed six hits and struck out eight for the game and doubled in two of the five-run fifth inning. DeFrain was 2-5 for the day and added three RBIs.

The Mules came back from 2004 NCAA contender Staten Island with a three-run home run in the bottom of the third to win 7-3. Stepping on the mound after the home run, Cartolano provided four scoreless innings allowing only two hits and striking out three.

In the fifth, another set of back-to-back singles by DeMarzo and Ruhling followed by a walk loaded the bases. Cartolano sent them home as she belted a triple to put the Mules ahead for good.

Facing their last opponent of the week, the Mules played against Muskingham as they were defeated 6-2. Scoring five runs with three home runs in the first four innings, the Musks seemed to be taking control. With Vechionne brought in to slow the Musks, the Mules battled back against the Musks' All-American pitcher, who led Division III with 38 wins last year. In the fourth, four singles brought in one run, and DeFrain recorded the last of her team-high eleven RBIs as she brought in Serfass. The Mules may have only crossed the plate twice, but they threatened in the fourth, fifth and sixth as they stranded runners. The last game of the Mules' stay is recorded a loss in the books, but their solid play against the fourth-ranked team in the nation certainly forecasts an exciting season.

The Mules softball team played nine games in five days. Here they take a break from their schedule at Disney's Magic Kingdom.

Photo Courtesy Becky Toth

Mules heat up spring break tournament

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

BASEBALL

After being rained out the first day of Spring Break competition, the Mules took advantage of the rest of the week and came home with a 4-3 record, with one of those losses to a nationally ranked team.

Senior CJ Kessler, Junior Matt Tobia and Freshman Joe Carlo returned with batting averages over .400; the team batting average was .365. Tobia had five doubles in six games and notched nine RBIs, matching his total from last season. Senior co-Captain Matthew Long and Kessler joined the 100 hit club, and Sophomore Pete Oris and Long each booted home runs.

The Mules split their first doubleheader versus Beloit College, winning the first game 9-7 and losing the second 8-7. In the first game, the Mules scored right away as Sophomore Ryan Sassaman led off with a double. Sophomore Mike Hart advanced him to third, and Long doubled Sassaman home.

In the next inning, Sophomore AJ Bettini led off with a walk, and a single from Junior Chad Hegstrom moved him to second. Hart then stepped up and plated Bettini and Hegstrom.

The second game versus Beloit was a one-run loss for the Mules. The Mules exploded in the second inning with four runs. Oris led off with a double, and Carlo advanced him to third base before a wild pitch sent him home. Then there were four back-to-back singles from Bettini, Hegstrom, Kessler and Sassaman. All except Sassaman scored. The Mules scored again in the fifth when Sophomore Matt Block led off with a double and Oris batted him in. The next inning, Hegstrom, Kessler and Sassaman all walked, loading the bases. Hart drove in Hegstrom and Block produced again on offense when he drove in Kessler.

The Mules then faced Wesleyan (Conn.) and won 17-12. Oris led an eighteen-hit Mules offense as he went four for five with a three-run home run, a double and six RBIs. Back-to-back singles by Kessler and

SEE **BASEBALL** | PAGE 16

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

A discussion about endowment. How well endowed have the College s presidents been?
page 6

Inside

Divine sighting in General s Quarters. Jason Klein appears in student s cheesesteak.
page 13

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 18 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2005

Mysterious Burglar captured
One of our own

By Chief Wiggums
Weekly Fuzz

After months of being unsolved, Campus Safety and the Allentown Police Department (APD) have finally caught the burglar who entered students' homes and stole personal items including computers and video game systems.

In an interesting twist of fate, the burglar is Patricia Helm, Assistant Professor of Music and wife of Randy Helm, President of the College.

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security, was surprised that Helm turned out to be the perpetrator.

"I never would've guessed that she was the burglar," said Lupole.

According to Lupole, Campus Safety received a phone call on Mar. 28 from a student who returned home and noticed her door was open. She knew her roommates were not back from Easter Break, so she made the phone call to Campus Safety.

A Campus Safety officer was in the middle of investigating a call about female masturbation, so a Campus Safety officer on break was sent to wait outside the home for the burglar.

The officer called APD for backup. As APD arrived on the scene, a person dressed completely in black with a ski mask on left the house carrying a laptop carrying case.

Officers approached the individual who then began running. After a chase of several blocks, officers wrestled the suspect to the ground and ripped off the ski mask, revealing the burglar as Helm.

Once the burglar was identified as Helm, APD officers obtained a search warrant to look through her home. In the search, officers found the IBM Thinkpad laptop computer, Playstation 2 and video games that had been stolen from a student residence last November.

Helm confessed to the

SEE **BURGLARY** | PAGE 5

Council takes action: President suspended, dean dead

By John Januzzi
Weekly Council Buddy

Changes on the third floor of the Haas College Center have sparked new and more aggressive activity by Student Council, something they have never attempted before. While Randy Helm, President of the College (you know, that guy with the jolly smile and bowtie who pretends to know you on Academic Row) has previously been noted for his thorough and efficient management of administrative duties, his recent activity has triggered concern among campus constituents.

According to newly elected Student Body President, Jared Fine '06, "Several students have brought it to the attention of Council that the behavior of our president has been inappropriate, so we are taking action. I say out with the old and in with the new!" Fine has been seen on campus with a fro.

Earlier this semester, a committee was formed by

SEE **PRESIDENT** | PAGE 7

Students take advantage of the new "wireless" internet.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNER

Wireless Internet finally here

By Bill Gates
Weekly Ipod User

After years of an ongoing war with the College administration over wireless internet capabilities on campus, students won the final battle on Monday and were guaranteed wireless capabilities effectively immediately.

The final decision was made after Randy Helm, President of the College, concluded a 37.5 hour meeting/debate with a group of students that were selected to be on the College's Task Force for Meeting Student Demands Regarding Wireless Internet.

Helm, who formed the Task Force himself during the fall semester, stated, "The meetings were outrageous." While buffing his authentic Roman battle armor hanging in his office, Helm added, "The only reason I gave students wireless capabilities in the end was because I was tired of hearing the students whine so much."

After taking time to tentatively tend to his armor, he

SEE **WIRELESS** | PAGE 5

DISCLAIMER

Welcome to the annual April Fool's issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*. All of the stories are FAKE, so do not believe anything you read. However, peruse over the REAL advertisements on pages 4, 5, 7, 11, 16 and 17 while you enjoy this issue.
NOTE: Content not suitable for children.

A Blast from the Past

Cut out the puzzle pieces on each page. When you put them together, you'll get your reward!

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

The Father
Editor-in-Chief

The Son
Executive Editor

and The Holy Ghost
Managing Editor

We really don't care

As usual we are writing this editorial at the last minute before we send our paper to bed. We always save our opinions until late at night when we are delirious from putting out a paper that pays us only in complaints and ignorant rants for our long hours spent in the hot dungeons of The Underground. This is the part of the night that is always our favorite. It is the time when we have no choice but to settle for our trusty middle-of-the-road editorial formula, and discuss how the College has done a good job, but could do better.

We are an Editorial Board that feels the College administration could do more to advance the student interests of the College. We feel that the administration has spent too much time creating task forces, committees and presidential initiatives. We always try to create a positive spin on things, but then in the end, we let our true feelings dictate the words we print to you. We never tell you that the College administration is right, nor do we ever tell you that they are wrong. Instead, we always settle for an editorial that is intended to address the issue on both sides. What would be the point of pissing off one constituent and not the other?

We by no means think that the College administration has done students wrong. Nor do we think the administration is trying to create an environment that is not conducive to student opinion. All we are saying is that we are tired of seeing committees and task forces formed to address issues of the Community. What we really want is for the College to realize that we need real time problems solved in a timely manner. Not after a task force has made a recommendation for a solution to the problem. The College depends upon recommendations from the top that will best serve the Community at large.

But when it comes down to it, we don't really care at all. All we want to do is bitch a little about how students are never given a fair chance to voice their opinions so that maybe some students will actually get off their asses and voice some new opinions. After all, we are graduating in a couple of months anyway. Why would we care at all? Now as we become alum, we'll move from easily manipulated students to dollar signs in the eyes of the College. In closing, this issue is dedicated to good ol' Peyton, since it turns out he ended up in almost every story of the issue.

Letters to the Editor:

I heart Jason Klein: Jason Klein you're my hero

To the Editor:

I <3 Jason Klein.- He is so cute. He is so funny, too. I think he is the cutest boy-I mean, man, I have ever known. I love his pieces in *The Weekly*. I wait all week until Thursday when I can read his wonderful works of brilliance. I love Jason Klein. He inspires me to engage in female masturbation every day.

Although he doesn't know that I exist, I know that as soon as he meets me he will love me as much as I love him. I know that I am the perfect woman for him. Ashlikwah the airport security tramp has got nothing on me. Jason and I would be the best ever couple in the whole wide world.

I have our wedding all planned out. I keep my dress in the back of my closet at home-I bought it for 20 dollars. It was at the Fileen's Basement 50 percent off sale. It is absolutely beautiful with big puffy sleeves and lots of lace. After our wedding, a small, private affair, we will go on our honeymoon to, wait for it: Disney World. Most people do not think Disney World is the most romantic place for a Honeymoon, but I have been there and it truly is the happiest place on earth. Well, the second happiest place on earth. The happiest place on earth is wherever Jason Klein is. I do not know if I can handle both at the same time.

Jason, I do not care if you do not have much between your legs. I know that a real man is a man with a lot between his ears and you are the smartest person at this school ever. I love you, Jason Klein.

-- The Future Mrs. Jason Klein
Class of '08

Fire alarm interferes

To the Editor:

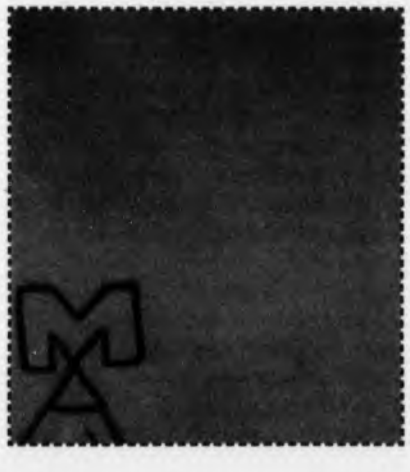
Frankly, I can't cook popcorn. Well, I can, but it burns, and the fire alarm goes off all the time, and people get mad because sometimes I cook at three in the morning, so it wakes them up or halts their make-out session, and I don't want to make them stop because I like to make out, and I know I would be mad if I had to stop because some girl burned popcorn because she was experimenting with new female masturbation techniques, and sometimes I like to have popcorn around nine in the morning, and the fire alarm goes off every couple of weeks because my popcorn burned, and I try to prohibit the smoke from reaching the smoke detector by using the methods when I smoke mara-ja-wana, but it doesn't work because the smoke detector still goes off, so people have to get out of bed again and go outside, and if I interrupt the make-out session still, then I will really feel bad because that must have been one great make-out session since they had to come out of the room five hours later because I burned it again (I really like popcorn), and they're even more mad especially the people who are in towels and dripping wet with no sandals on, but I'm not too sad for those people because they're stupid for going outside without shoes on and in a towel because if I have time to zip up my pants, then they have time to change and no one goes outside right away and some people even manage to stay inside, so I do not feel bad for people who are stupid, but I still need to know how to cook popcorn because I do love it, but not the kind that is a low-fat because there is nothing appetizing with low-fat popcorn, and I need to have that good stuff that drips when I pull it out of the bag because it reminds me of post-coital encounters with my ex-boyfriend who I stalk online and through Facebook every hour on the hour except when I'm interrupted by the fire alarm that my burned popcorn caused so please help me learn how to cook popcorn. Please.

-- Ituch Mipootay

Bribery brings great new things to campus

Bebe Crier
Your Momologist

In the past, have you ever attempted to change something on campus? Have you found yourself failing miserably? Don't think that you are the only one. Most suggestions have been thrown out the window or cleverly pushed to the side. However, the recent increase of changes has caused a campus-wide curiosity as to why and, more importantly, how.



Recognizing that Student Council was credited for the recent addition of ice cream on the $4.10 swipes, Allison Colino, President of 2006, was questioned. "We've never made such an accomplishment with General's Quarters before," Colino said enthusiastically. "We should have our parents call more often."

It seems that the College will only pay attention to the hand that writes the checks, which contradicts a purpose of college life. While students live at school to learn to handle independence, how can that be attained if the only way to be heard is through complaints to their parents? How will students succeed in post-Muhlenberg life if mommy's and daddy's complaints in the real world mean just about as much as a penny on the road?

They may be recognized and shortly heard, but, in the end, they will just be stepped on and passed by.

On the other hand, this may not be the only reason for changes. Curiosity resurfaces when finding that most students receive some kind of assistance that allows for the continuance of their education. Apparently money may not be the only reason for the changes.

"I told Harry Miller, Director of OIT, that I would meet him in the computer lab at two-fifteen in the morning," said the mother who was responsible for making the Ettinger computer lab open 24 hours, "In order to celebrate its open doors."

While parents have been the influence on the College to implement radical changes, the action they take are actions that no student would risk to take.

The outrageous statement made

SEE **BRIBERY** | PAGE 3

Someone's back sweat at the gym cost me my love

Nikki
FROM LIKE THE VALLEY (LEHIGH)

Ok, so, like, thanks to some really rich people and the like totally excellent fundraising skills of our College's President, we have this totally rad gym right now. So, like, the first time I went, it was in September and I bought this totally cute get up to wear. It was little biker shorts and a matching spaghetti tank top with one of those adorable built-in bras.

So, like, I was on the elliptical about half way into my work out and my heart had just, like, stabilized out and finally I was in that awesome fat burning zone when someone taps me on the back. I mean he, like, totally invaded my work out zen bubble. He informed me, rather rudely, that I needed to put on a shirt over my tank top.

I mean really, like, who made him king of the world? However, I did what he said and then went back to the store to try to return my new tank top because I would not be allowed to wear it, like, ever in our new gym. The reasoning had something to do with getting germs and diseases on the equipment, I mean as if!

I never fully understood the rule until just last week. Let me tell you what happened. It sort of happened in phases. So as usual I'm on the elliptical but then afterwards I go on the mat and, like, do crunches; and I know that Denise Austin says that crunches are "cheatie" but like they totally work for me.

So I'm on the mat doing my crunches and this boy, excuuuse me, young man, comes and lies down next to me and starts doing sit ups. Clearly he watches Denise Austin. He was wearing your typical baggy knee-length male gym shorts and the remnants of what used to be a t-shirt. Like, it resembled something Versace might have made because the sleeves were totally hacked, and it was cut very low in the front and the back exposing a forest of curly black hair. Every time he pulled his sweaty face up to his knees there was a squishing sound as he left the mat. Because the sound resembled the sound refried beans make when they are being stirred, and I totally love refried beans, I couldn't help but watch.

All of a sudden it totally hit me, almost as hard as when I learned that polka-dots were coming back. After he left the mat there were little sweat designs mirroring the hair marks of his back left on the mat.

This was how those diseases were spread, like, for real I totally witnessed it! I mean I realize other things go on the mat that could cause diseases such as occasional menstrual leaks, female masturbation with the exercise balls and the occasional hatching of pubic lice eggs, but leaving back hair-sweat designs totally freaked me out.

However, my story gets worse. So a few days later there was going to be this like totally awesome party at one of the very cool frats, I mean, frat, on campus. And might I add that this guy who I was totally crushing on was going to be there too--like for real. So I had this little shirt to wear, to show off my abs, screw Denise Austin, and I knew when this guy saw me in it he would totally crush on me back, cuz that's like how it works.

So, like the entire school decided to show up at this party, but whatever it's Muhlenberg and so that really means like two people were there. Anyways, my crush said hi to me and touched my arm, like the feeling was bad and I mean bad as in good.

He jerked away after he touched me, and I looked at my arm and there was this huge boil-rash type thing it was way gross. He was like "you freak!" in front of the whole school, like two people, but still I was, like, totally mortified.

I think that what I got was from the hairy-back guy who wore Versace's clothes to the gym and left sweat designs on the mat. I must have rolled in it or something for sure. As a result of him not following the rule that many Muhlenbergers deem stupid and don't understand, my life is way ruined. I will never see my crush again because he thinks I'm totally disgusting. My boil is down but there is now just a big crusty scab on it.

Like, I don't blame sweaty hairy guy but like it was kind of his fault why everything in my life fell apart. Not to sound rude or anything but, like, in the future? I just wish people could follow the rules because they are totally there for a reason. Ok? Thanks.

BRIBERY | FROM PAGE 2

by President Helm concerning the legalization of cocaine on campus was also thanks to the interference of a parent.

Since this institution is privatized, President Helm claims that "allowing students to legally use cocaine will help the school pinpoint the areas of most concern, and we will be more effective in assisting students to overcome their addiction."

While this may sound like a President truly concerned about his students, this is merely an example of bribery among adults. "I expressed concern for my son," said one senior's father, "And President Helm enjoyed the very generous apple pie."

When asked about the health of his son, the father added, "I am looking out for his health. What parent wants their kid in prison?"

This shows that the problem of our College may not rest in the students, but in the administration and even our own parents.

Another instance of bribery is the parking decision that was made last Friday.

These parking changes involve faculty parking to be limited to the streets, opening up the academic half-circle only to students, and having a universal student-parking sticker that will allow for students to park in any student lot (look in your mailboxes for it at the end of this week).

Making these changes allows for the assumption that the President is finally beginning to see through the eyes of a student, but it's more like seeing through the windshield of the very first 2006 Beamer. However, I must apologize to Freshmen; you still cannot have a car.

With the amazing recent changes around campus, the reason for listening to parents comes from the "extras" offered as a gift toward the College and not tuition checks.

The real question is not how to stop the bribery in the administration from occurring, but why we didn't go running to our parents earlier.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

The Father, Editor-in-Chief
The Son, Executive Editor
& The Holy Ghost, Managing Editor

Cain, Abel, News Editors
The Virgin Mary, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Pontius Pilate, Joseph, Sports Editors
OPEN, Focus Editor
OPEN, Photography Editor
Noah, Noah's wife, Business Managers
Samson, Asst. News Editor
the Bible, Asst. OP/ED Editor
Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh, Asst. Life! Editors
Moses, Asst. Sports Editor
Judas, Asst. Focus Editor
the Dove, Asst. Business Manager
Lucifer, Online Editor
Mary Magdalene, Copy Editor
the Burning Bush, Writer Manager
the Pope, Design Consultant
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
the Ark, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, Jonah
(English Department)
Publisher: Martin Luther, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2005. All rights reserved.

~Senior Ball Dates~

SOME SENIOR GIRLS STILL DON'T HAVE SENIOR BALL DATES...THEY WILL PUT OUT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
X5563

Weekly Discourse: Who makes you gush?

Who makes a better candidate: Jared Fine or the Mule?

Suzie Curls
ALLENTOWN FRO STYLIST

Jared Fine is one sexy Student Body President. Although his looks can be debatable when compared to his predecessors (cough, cough), they far outweigh those of the College's mascot, the Mule. I'm quite sure that Fine's vote total was not higher necessarily because of his brains, but because of the curls that surrounded them.

But what lies in those magnificent curls? Could it be a room freshener that releases a new puff every minute to ensure his fresh and hypnotic scent? Maybe it provides a hiding place for a treasure map leading to an unbelievabe source of food on campus. Or how about to the real meaning of Victor's Lament? If you go searching in there, be careful not to fall in love with its heavenly scent.

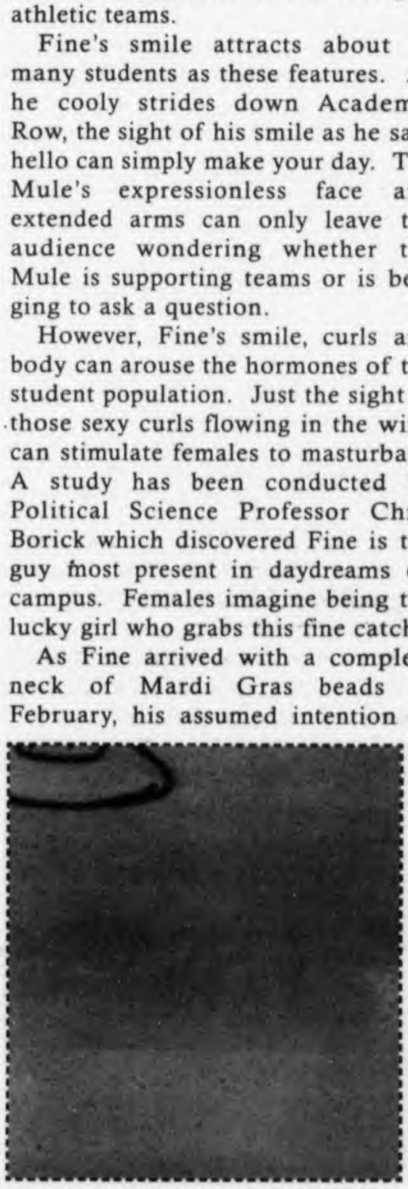
Do curls reveal the real meaning of Victor's Lament?

Fine's fine fro is full of secrets, but that's nothing compared to what lies underneath. Tight shirts reveal the outline of a well-toned upper body while loose pants keep a secret well hidden. However, the Mule directly complements Fine's attributes as his loose and flabby body do not exactly show the toughness of the College's athletic teams.

Fine's smile attracts about as many students as these features. As he cooly strides down Academic Row, the sight of his smile as he says hello can simply make your day. The Mule's expressionless face and extended arms can only leave the audience wondering whether the Mule is supporting teams or is begging to ask a question.

However, Fine's smile, curls and body can arouse the hormones of the student population. Just the sight of those sexy curls flowing in the wind can stimulate females to masturbate. A study has been conducted by Political Science Professor Chris Borick which discovered Fine is the guy most present in daydreams on campus. Females imagine being the lucky girl who grabs this fine catch.

As Fine arrived with a complete neck of Mardi Gras beads in February, his assumed intention of leaving with a bare neck was squashed as he left with the same amount as he arrived. By not being the typical guy at Mardi Gras, Fine proved to have the morality that is desired in not only a President, but a real man. Now that he is Student Body President, showing off his pecks, curls and especially morals at Beach Bash will have unimaginable consequences. Do you think the Mule would ever have this effect on students? Considering he shows no intelligence, I think not.



While the student population is attracted to Fine's physical attributes, they are also drawn to his open mind. Even though Fine claims that manipulation is a weakness, the Student Body seems to disagree as the stubborn Mule constantly shows persistence. If the students cannot trust to be heard or be acknowledged, how representative would Fine be as the Student Body President? Also, considering that the Mule is the mascot of the College, Fine has been seen at far more events this semester than the Mule has been in the past two years.

Fine's ability to speak also proves to be a much more appealing attribute than the Mule's silence. Even though people may desire some silence, Fine's voice sooths the atmosphere more than silence ever could.

But why are Fine's curls so springy and seductive? Fine's competitor, the Mule, holds that answer. Even the Mule expressed his fondness toward Fine as he delightfully approaches Fine whenever Fine is in sight.

The question concerning the more appealing male now has an obvious answer as even the Mule could not control his desires for the Napoleonic curls of the Student Body President, Jared Fine. The underlying fact is that Fine was voted President. If there was a vote for a new mascot, the Mule's vote total will show that he has far outlasted his term. The Mule would have just as good of a chance of winning than a tortoise.

Ash Muligan
MULE SEX THERAPIST

When asked who would be a better catch, Jared Fine, new Student Body President, or the Mule, it was a no-brainer. "The Mule," I said. "But can you back that up?" I was asked. Again, a no-brainer. First of all, let's talk about likeability. Jared can only be liked (and evoke female masturbation). However, the Mule can be loved by all. This is due to the fact that it's sterile and it can't impregnate anyone, which in college, is an excellent choice for a lover. Another factor that the Mule has over Jared is the fact that the mule has no official name. This means it can be called whatever you like and it will probably respond. This adds an air of mystery to our mule.

... it's sterile and it can't impregnate anyone, which in college, is an excellent choice for a lover.

Although some might argue that the Mule is stubborn and hence not a good candidate for love, dating the Mule will prepare you for all future relationships. because having a significant other who refuses to compromise can only strengthen your soul and your character. You will learn how to love selflessly and with complete abandon. Besides, if you truly love the dear mule he might let you ride him into town as long as you promise not to trade him in for magic beans.

A big problem with dating today and especially in college is tusually one person in the relationship tends to have a wandering eye. With the Mule you can easily purchase a pair of those blinders they use for horses so the Mule will see you and only you.

Even though Jared has won the popular vote for Student Body President, he has not achieved any level of national popularity. The Mule is not only a celebrity on campus but in the Bible as well. The Mule and Jesus were great friends because the Mule offered to take Jesus into Jerusalem on the Sunday before the crucifixion. A website exists for people who love mules:(http://www.lovelongears.com/). For people afraid of flying and tired of hearing that cars are more dangerous than planes, the mule is the perfect scapegoat. In India, more people die from falling off of mules and other mule related incidents than people do in plane crashes.

Who can't resist large fuzzy nostrils that quickly fog up the car when getting busy? Jared's nostrils are too small, and I'm not alone in thinking that size matters. The neighing and breighing days are over when you bring a mule home. It's all about the hee-ha! College is a time for finding yourself and about learning how to get free ass.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

"This *Guide* teaches students how to fight back against the double standards and disturbing speech codes that pose such dangers to education in a free society."

Edwin Meese, III
Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow in Public Policy and Chairman, Center for Legal and Judicial Studies

"[The *Guide*] should inspire students and faculty to exercise their free speech rights vigorously and to defend freedom of speech for every member of the campus community."

Nadine Strossen
President, American Civil Liberties Union and Professor of Law, New York Law School

The *Guide* is free.
Your liberty matters.

FOUNDATION FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION
FIRE

www.thefire.org

Campus Watch program gets off the ground, literally

By Ken Lupole
WEEKLY CHIEF

As a result of the appalling increase in violent crime on campus, the College will implement a campus watch program.

Due to the students' gross lack of knowledge regarding recent crimes, the program will be critical in getting the word out.

"Members of the program will be trained in how to properly conceal themselves in bushes and trees in order to accurately document any assaults that may occur," stated Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety.

The Campus Community should know however, that the students involved in the program are not there to prevent crime.

"The Campus Watch is not set up to walk around at night, but rather it will be trained to be aware of current crime events and how to deal with them," stated Lupole.

Students involved in the program will also be required to use a minimum amount of paper per month, and overstuff their colleagues' mailboxes, in order to ensure that they are getting the word out.

"We have a real fear that students aren't getting the right facts, there were rumors that in last night's mugging, a young woman's Coach bag was stolen. However, it was Prada," stated Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students.

> *"The Campus Watch is not set up to walk around at night, but rather it will be trained to be aware of current crime events and how to deal with them."*
>
> Ken Lupole,
> Director of Campus Safety

Although members will be trained in getting all of the facts right, they will not be permitted to hide in the bushes after 9:00 p.m.

"We do not want to be held responsible for any wounds that pine needles may inflict after dark," stated Helm.

In addition, these new crime prevention members will not be permitted to "watch" off campus.

According to Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, "Students who do not live in campus owned housing have rejected the Caring Community bubble and have chosen to live dangerously; they are on their own."

While this program is considered to be an important one by many, there are still those students that believe the College's resources should be focused elsewhere.

"I think that campus police should be focusing on more offensive and dangerous issues, like female masturbation," stated Amanda Phillips '05.

WIRELESS

FROM PAGE 1

added, "All the phone calls from the parents of students also helped sway my decision...sometimes I like to prance around my office in my armor reenacting the battle for Sparta."

Although the news of wireless internet could be seen as a victory to students, there are restrictions on technology that Helm snuck into the contract.

"Students think they will be wireless, but in actual fact they are only wireless up to 1,000 feet from where their internet cable is plugged in to," snickered Harry Miller, Director of Information and Technology.

The restriction that Helm signed into the agreement states that all students will be issued a blue internet cord that is 1,000 feet in length.

According to Miller, the reason the restriction of a 1,000 foot cord was put into the contract was in large part from the school's lack of finances to get a true wireless system operating.

Miller stated, "We spent all our damn money on that stupid sports center. With wireless internet capabilities, students could be working out via the web anywhere on campus." He then stated in what appeared to be a cough, "Up to 1,000 feet."

Helm confirmed the finance issue. He claimed the lack of funding (a lie considering the article on Page 6) was from a "poor endowment," rather than "our wonderful new sports center."

> *"Students think they will be wireless, but in actual fact they are only wireless up to 1,000 feet from where their internet cable is plugged in to."*
>
> Harry Miller,
> Director of OIT

Perched on his desk in his Roman armor, Helm said, "Our students have no dedication to this school after graduation. I understand students have responsibilities after college with their philandering activities, but I think they could do without those activities for one night. Don't you?"

The introduction of the new wireless system was met with mixed emotions from students. "It is not what I would have preferred, but at least I can be wireless for 1,000 feet," commented Emily Oster '05.

Oster further added, "I am now able to take my computer outside to watch my favorite porno videos on the web and masturbate for all to see. Due to the fact that we are wireless, I can now do both at the same time."

After discussing her love for porno, Oster included me in some of her yoga exercises. "The one where you spread your legs toward the sky are my favorite," she screamed as her hamstrings ripped through her black pants.

Other students see the new system as not being so useful. Ian (Fritz) Stelzer '05 equated the new wireless system with "absurdity."

"I can't believe they [the administration] think that a 1,000 foot cord is a realistic wireless system. I need real wireless capabilities to keep up on my stalking exercises on Thefacebook," said Stelzer.

What's your scholarship?

Scholarship
#1,090
World
Traveler

Find your scholarship opportunities at our re-launched Scholarship Channel.

Visit www.muhlenbergweekly.com

powered by BrokeScholar

BURGLARY

FROM PAGE 1

burglaries after being confronted with the evidence. She explained that she wanted her own home computer and that the video game system was for her sons when they came to visit.

When asked why she attempted to steal another laptop, she explained that the IBM Thinkpad had gotten a computer virus and was no longer working.

She said, "I opened an email from a Muhlenberg account. I thought it was from a student but it turned out to be a virus. It totally destroyed the computer. I needed a new one."

Lupole said, "I guess we should be grateful that computer viruses are so rampant on campus. Otherwise these crimes might never have been solved."

No one who knew Helm believed she was the burglar. Even her husband was shocked by the news, but admitted there were some signs.

Randy Helm said, "I guess I should've been suspicious when she brought home the electronics without boxes, but I never really thought about it. And I really enjoyed the Playstation."

Big men on campus
Taylor, Helm well-endowed

By Anita Cox
Yardstick Holder

Presidents of the College have been measured in the past by many aspects, including their character, their contributions to the College, and their dedication to student prosperity.

Perhaps most important, however, is a president's endowment. In comparing the most recent presidents of the College, these men can be evaluated by how well-endowed they prove themselves to be.

> *"I am fascinated by endowments, particularly my own. I do whatever it takes to keep my endowment up."*
>
> Randy Helm
> President of the College

While President Randy Helm is new to the College, students and faculty alike have been surprised and pleased to see that President Helm is quite obviously becoming quite well-endowed.

When asked about how he became so well-endowed, Helm stated that it was part luck, part skill and part education. "I am fascinated by endowments, particularly my own. I do whatever it takes to keep my endowment up."

Kent Dyer, Chief Business Office and Treasurer, also offered feedback on the state of Helm's endowment.

"The bigger the endowment, the more things to draw off of and the more things you can afford. And by golly, would you look at that multi-million dollar Life Sports Center." Surely being well-endowed is a positive thing despite the negative comments of some.

Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College, claimed that Helm's endowment might be too large for such a small school. "It's simply a matter of space. It was a fear when first selecting Helm as president," she said.

"We attempted to keep his mind on baseball and the greening of the campus, but quite frankly, it is my belief that his endowment just won't fit in this school. I mean, have you seen it?" Hass assured that it was massive.

The College has had it's share of other well-endowed Presidents. President Arthur Taylor was well-known for two things; his hugs and his very large endowment.

Until the arrival of Taylor at the College, the College had never seen anything like it before.

Elizabeth Einhorn '05, remembers Taylor fondly as "a great, friendly man who was always there for you when you needed it most. You couldn't tell how endowed he was by looking at him—that's silly—but you could certainly feel the power when you reached in for that great big hug."

Einhorn also noted that during times of well-endowed college officials, female masturbation increases—a very strange correlation indeed.

Of course, not all Presidents can be so fortunate. There have been times when the College was lead by a man whose endowment shrank to a pitifully small size.

Dean Rudy Ehrenberg, (Dean of something or other), remarked "a small endowment takes all the wind out of your sails."

With the arrival of a new president, the administration is eager to discover just how well-endowed this president will be.

If the president does not "show the money," so to speak, the administration can get quite impatient while waiting for said president to make their endowment grow.

> *"We just kept waiting, but he [Interim President James Steffy] never got it up."*
>
> Rudy Ehrenberg
> Dean of something or other

President James Steffy's endowment actually decreased during his time at the College—as Ehrenberg put it, "we just kept waiting, but he never got it up."

For those times when the President is not so well-endowed, as in the instance of Steffy, Dyer said, "We have to ride out those dips."

It's hard to ride when there's not a lot to ride on, but it seems that with President Randy "Big Boy" Helm in charge, there are many well-endowed days to come.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	🌨	⛅
Partly Cloudy	Heavy Snow	Partly Cloudy
High: -52 Low:70	High: 87 Low: 86	High: 100 Low: 72

News Writer Wanted:

Must be sexy, male, have long hair, blue eyes, writing ability, desire to succeed in woman dominated environment.

OFF CAMPUS

ALLENTOWN STREET SIGNS STOLEN

Allentown, Pa – Early on Monday morning, Allentown was chaos-stricken, when every street sign in the city was missing.

Police are estimating that the signs were stolen somewhere between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on Monday. Allentown residents were panic stricken and lost for the entirety of the day.

Many residents were seen wandering the streets, unable to find their homes or their offices.

In addition, to make matters even worse, all one way signs were also missing, leading to an enormous amount of driving confusion, culminating in several accidents.

Rumor has it that the Allentown Police are investigating within their own department for the culprit and any accomplices. It is believed that several officers simply became bored, and decided to return to the days of their youth.

Normally adolescents only steal one or two street signs, however, these culprits took it just one step too far when they stole all available street signs.

LOCAL HERO RESCUES KITTEN

Allentown, Pa – Rape murder theft gun gunpoint hacksaw rape rape rape murder murder murder female masturbation armed robbery.

Pedophiles Arthur Taylor internet gunpoint rape murder attempted suicide hacksaw.

Hola. Me llamo Inigo Montoia. Tu mataste mi padre. Preparar a morir. Rape rape rape murder murder murder.

Crack cocaine Jennifer Mann marijuana crackberry googlewhacking President Helm.

Heroine scrotum urinary tract infection STD SUV PCP PCB PBJ ICUP Jennifer Mann Arthur Taylor adulterer.

Jehovah f@$# Jason Klein futher mucker female masturbation buck futter Sean Connery.

But my lips hurt real bad. Rape rape murder rape. Charlie Richter.

Breaking and entering sodomy jackhammer bestiality chinchilla.

Whipped cream...more whipped cream Ninja Turtles dirty hippies.

Sadam Hussein Salute Your Shorts is better than Hey Dude.

All in all, just a normal day. Yay!

Lehigh University's Tresolini Lecture Series Presents:

JESSE JACKSON, JR.

Congressman from Illinois' 2nd District, attorney, and leading advocate for electoral reform

8 p.m. Monday, April 11th
Packard Auditorium

A long-standing proponent of electoral engagement and reform, Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. will bring his impassioned campaign to Lehigh University, where he will make the case for strengthening and standardizing the country's voting procedures. Only the 91st African-American ever elected to Congress, Jackson has exhibited strong leadership that is evident in his work on civil rights legislation, minority health issues and voter education programs.

Open to the public, free of charge No tickets required
For more information, call 610-758-3339.

PRESIDENT

FROM PAGE 1

Council to address the Initiative to Review the Muhlenberg Student Perspective. Headed by Mike Strauss '05, overworked and red-eyed Class of 2005 Representative and the presidents of each class, the team discussed how to survey students to evaluate campus climate from a "student perspective".

The committee proposed a briefing called "Evidence for Evaluating the Presidency of [Randy Helm] at Muhlenberg College" to Council, which was approved by Council and recently sent via Instant Messenger (IM) to all students for perusal. Once the Office of Information Technology (OIT) fixed IM, word spread of the briefing, and the Board of Trustees were informed of the student concern. For legal purposes, a gag order has been placed on the Student Body regarding the briefing.

Once the briefing was reviewed, Taylor, I mean, Helm, was suspended from office until the investigation has been completed. Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer of the College has been appointed acting President until Jim Steffy, Re-Interim President can be located from his "retirement".

For those unaware, Dyer is very nice. Upon hearing the news, Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life suffered a heart attack and died. She was last heard uttering the words, "Again?! No!" Students on academic probation celebrated with a bonfire under Victor's Lament, using files confiscated from the late dean's office during the chaos. The overachievers who had been applying for a Fulbright sulked in Mike Bruckner's, Vice President of the Public Relations, office.

The briefing on Helm was summarized into categories including: Bizarre Behavior; Stories he has told about his past; Sexual Harassment and Bigotry; Violent Behavior, Physical and Verbal Attacks on Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech; [Helm] on [Helm]; Hiring of New Faculty; Failed Initiatives; [Helm]'s Policies; and When Will It All End?

"I feel like I have déjà vu," said Marla O'Connor, Secretary of the President's Office. "Maybe it's something in the air up here."

Claims against Helm were outlined in the briefing including "vigorously rakes the sandbox on his desk during meetings in his office, scattering sand in all directions" and "conducts college business in his pajamas".

One student remarked that Helm began eating off of her plate while conversing with her in the dining hall. He may have even commented about female masturbation.

Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College would not comment on the briefing.

While the initiative has defined several anxieties about the president, the motives of Council are untraditional.

"This is really cool because we'll get publicity like we did when that polling guy was doing surveys and stuff," said Neil Freedman '06, former candidate for Student Body President.

Jeff Kraft, Representative for the Class of 2005 commented, "I think this is a positive change. Maybe now we'll finally get a new meal plan with flex."

After a repetitive deliberation at tonight's Council meeting, a committee will be formed by Council to initiate the initiation of the initiative. The investigation is expected to be completed by the spring of 2008, as long as they still remember why they have the committee.

"David M. Sobotkin is my hero," said Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students. "He is very athletic."

Ronald McDonald hamburgles hearts whilst students grimace

By The Hamburglar
McDonald's Mascot

Ronald McDonald made his debut at the College last week, when he lectured about how healthy the food is at McDonald's.

He brought along his "travel" playground set and displayed it in the front lawn, telling students, "You can never be too old to play in a playground."

Next to the sets of playgrounds, he supplied the entire Muhlenberg community with a buffet spread of McDonald's foods. He wanted everyone to eat the hamburgers and French fries, and taste the healthiness he spoke about.

According to McDonald, eating McDonald's food not only tastes great, but it also sharpens the mind and fuels the body. He especially advocates McDonald's to professional athletes and those currently training for marathons and triathalons.

McDonald explained that at one point in his life, he tried an experiment and decided to stop eating McDonald's, in order to see how his body would react.

As he expected, his body completely shut down and he was unable to chase after all the kids in the McDonald's playgrounds.

He could no longer climb the monkey bars or perform clown tricks due to his body's lack of McDonald's food.

"I don't know what I was trying to prove; depriving my body of McDonald's for three whole weeks was one of the dumbest things I have ever done," he said.

When his three-week experiment of eating fruits, vegetables and whole grains was over, McDonald immediately ordered a quarter-pounder and large fries and said that he never felt better.

During his lecture, some Muhlenberg students seemed shocked at the fact that McDonald advocated only eating McDonald's. Jonathan Gray '05 asked, "How can I eat McDonald's and not gain weight?"

McDonald responded with a giant smirk on his face that seemed artificial. "Gaining weight on the McDonald's diet is absolutely impossible.

> *"These students will perform better academically and physically if they are able to eat chicken nuggets, burgers and fries."*
>
> Ronald McDonald
> Guest Speaker at the College

There is no way that red meat, salty fried food and grease could ever lead to weight gain.

However, if you do feel that your pants are a bit snugger, start ordering the small size burger instead of the big-mac."

Even though McDonald continued to answer questions and alleviate students' worries about their health conditions, some were left unconvinced.

Marc Rogol '05 said, "I don't care that he is the spokesman of McDonald's or that he is a certified nutritionist; I will continue eating whole wheat bread, soy protein and seaweed, and will never eat a hamburger ever again."

Ronald McDonald felt awful that he was unable to convince Rogol of his popular "McDonald's only diet," and proceeded to call him a racist against all white meat in the tasty nuggets.

As the lecture continued, more and more students began to agree with McDonald's way of thinking and begged him to speak to John Pasquarello, Director of Dining Services at the College.

Students urged McDonald to explain his diet to Pasquerello so that he would change all the menus at school.

McDonald told Pasquarello, "These students will perform better academically and physically if they are able to eat chicken nuggets, burgers and fries. As a member of the Nutritionists of America, I can tell you that more and more nutritionists are beginning to recommend five to seven daily servings of McDonald's."

As a result of McDonald's effective speech, Pasquarello closed GQ and Garden Room and plans on turning all of Seegers Union into an enormous McDonald's.

The remodeling of Seegers is expected to take a few months and turning Victor's Lament into a jungle gym may take several weeks. Pasquarello, however, feels confident that the entire Muhlenberg community will benefit from a "McDonald's only diet."

Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 28 – Institutional Vandalism – A female student was found to be excessively sweating on the elliptical machines in the Life Sports Center. Her sleeves were rolled up and this is believed to be the reason for the excessive excretions. Contact with the sweat caused the expensive machinery to immediately deteriorate. The student was referred to the judicial process and has been required to burn all shirts with no sleeves.

Mar. 28 – Harassment – A non-student was reported harassing several females from Prosser Hall. The alleged person was originally thought to be a non-student because of his "appearance".

Mar. 28 – Female Masturbation – Moans were heard coming from 2235 Liberty Street. A cranberry teddy was seen dancing around in the second floor window. Upon investigation, Campus Safety found nothing but a vibrator and a Miles Davis CD.

Mar. 28 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A Plant Operations employee got confused between the gas and brake pedals in his truck and ran right through part of the Life Sports Center. The damage did not appear to be too extensive, but the cost will total in the thousands of dollars.

Mar. 28 – Fire – A fire alarm went off in South Hall after a resident set the couch in the common room on. fire. Since there have been so many false fire alarms in South Hall previously, many students remained in their rooms. After smelling the smoke and seeing flames, however, students began running for the exits. All were able to escape unharmed.

Mar. 29 – Hazing – Dan (Nuk and Cookie) Isanuk '05 was caught forcing his pledge class to eat dirty kitty litter off his nipples. And he liked it.

Mar. 29 – Indecent Exposure – Sara Harris '05 was caught flashing her nipples toward a group of black men. Upon seeing Harris' nipples, the group of men came upstairs and proceeded to taunt her at her door and scream for the white women to come out and pleasure them.

Mar. 30 – Trespassing – Emily Yedowitz '05 was seen streaking down Academic Row wearing nothing but a green and gold Zelda jacket.

Mar. 30 – Fighting Roman Warrior – A white caucasian was seen swinging a sword around in a. Roman armor suit on Chew Street. No leads have been reported to Campus Police.

Mar. 30 – Lost Puppy – Puddin' Veghte, a cute and cuddly Chocolate Labrador, was reported stolen from her puff in her owner's apartment. The owner has offered a substantial reward for her return. Puddin' and her owner often like to spoon at night in bed after a good book.

Mar. 56 – Stolen Property – Ken Lupole reported that his Shepherd's Pie was stolen from his desk while on a lunch break. Additionally, he reported that his chewing tobacco was missing as well as his trusty shotgun.

May 69 – Female Masturbation – James Jamont '05 was found grinding against a freshman coed behind Brown Hall.

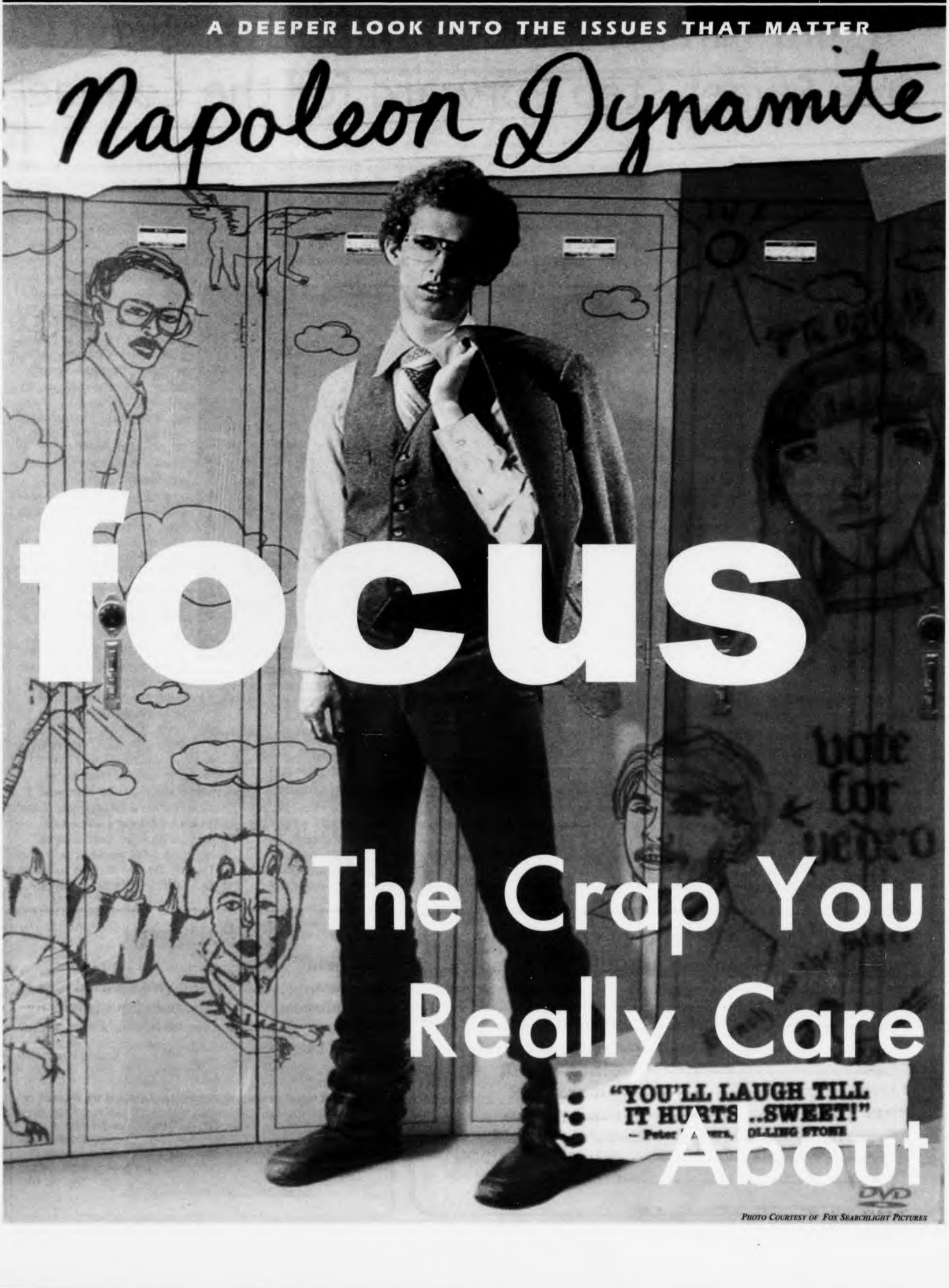
Dec. 18 – Stolen Property – The Blue Light Bandit was spotted stealing a "beacon of hope" from the front door of East B Hall. After being chased by the Allentown Police Department (APD), the Bandit was caught by Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety. Lupole reported that the Bandit was none other than the former Editor-in-Chief of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, Dave Sobotkin. Sobotkin said that he was using the lights for sexual games with his dog.

Feb. 31 – Oral Hygiene – Jon Katz '05 was caught placing the toothbrushes of his residents, in the M.I.L.E. area which he presides, in body orifices other than his mouth.

Septober 12 – Joke Killing – John Dunphy '06 was caught telling the same joke to his friends at least 37 times before. After resisting arrest and claiming he was "fresh," Dunphy was sent to rehabilitation. Jason Klein '05 was glad to have company.

June 56 – Injured Student – Jared Fine '06 stuck his finger in a socket, thus making his hair the way it is.

A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER


Napoleon Dynamite
vote for pedro
"YOU'LL LAUGH TILL IT HURTS ..SWEET!"
– Peter ers, OLLING STONE
DVD

focus

The Crap You Really Care About

Photo Courtesy of Fox Searchlight Pictures

The Napoleon Initiative
One Sweet Step Forward for the College

By President Peyton Helm
The Sweetest Prez Ever

"Gosh." "Sweet" and "Awesome." As an administrator, I have been pleased to hear such positive exclamations from students in the recent past few months. I will admit, I at first believed that these student expressions were related to their overall contentment with the current state of the College.

However, I soon began to hear stranger compliments that, while pleasing, did not fit my original assumption. One student even approached me as I dined in the Garden Room and told me that I didn't have to drink one percent milk, because I am not fat. Well, thanks to Atkins, I can assure you that I have never felt better in my life. Still, I found this to be a strange compliment, and so I set the Student Expression and Compliment Task Force (SECTF) in motion, which was comprised of Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, the late Dean Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life, that Polling Institute Guy and Margie Hass, Provost of the College and my Helen of Troy.

After a few months of following students around campus and listening to all of their conversations, the Task Force found a few things. One was that, as I had assumed, that "students don't like to be stalked." Ken Lupole explained this to me after having followed a few young ladies into the restroom in Seegers Union. I noticed that he had a bit of a black eye, which confirmed to me this dislike of stalking. (I offered Ken a frozen steak- he is feeling much better now).

A gay male stripper and a bag lady were spotted trading goods in the Underground of ML. Curiously, they bear almost no resemblance to Napoleon Dynamite giving Deb her cart, yet authorities believe this is sadly whom they were trying to portray.

PHOTO BY KEN LUPOLE

The other information I discovered was much more promising. Dean Shiner Wilson and Hass, and That Polling Guy all concurred that students were drawing at least 75 percent of their conversation from popular movies and TV shows, including *Old School*, of which I am a fan (I was quite like Frank the Tank in my youth), *Family Guy*, and pretty much any film involving any *SNL* alumn. Furthermore, over 50 percent of student conversations of the 75 percent already mentioned (God, I love that Polling Institute Guy) are comprised completely of *Napoleon Dynamite* quotations. I do have to admit that *Napoleon* is not a bad flick.

After going over the SECTF's findings, I came to the realization that what students really want is not a new fitness center that they hardly use, nor do they want an endless supply of manuscripts on ancient Greek texts (though the thought of that does make me quite excited). What they really want is Napoleon, and Gosh, they'll get it.

You see, I am a researcher, and through various connections at Colby College, my old stomping grounds, I have actually managed to uncover an amazing truth: Napoleon, along with all of his friends, family, and buddies from the Gem State, are REAL. They are as real as robot wars, Googlewhacking and crackberries. Yes, my fellow Muhlenbergians, we are inhaling the very same air that might have escaped Napoleon's pursed lips in Idaho a little while ago. It almost makes me as excited as Homer. Almost.

And so, in the interest of student content, something I have never before really explored, along with female masturbation, I have begun what I call the Napoleon Initiative, in which I implore students to watch as much of this delectable film as possible. And look out future class of 2009, you're going to have a curly-haired classmate shortly...along with a small Mexican man and a girl straight out of 1984.

Oh, and one more thing. Mules football, you're in for a treat. I just spoke to Rico Dynamite, and he's willing to coach football for us next year. I have never been so pleased. I look forward to having a steak sans potatos with him. And maybe some tuna salad encased in lettuce.

I really am too thrilled to go on. Excuse me, I must call Marjorie.

GET TO KNOW THE NAPOLEON CREW...

Add these Screennames to YOUR Buddy List!

Napoleon Dynamite---------------LigerLvrFFA
Pedro Sanchez-------------------Hola_Vote4Me
Kip-----------------------------DontBJealusUVme
Deb-----------------------------GlamourGurl01
Uncle Rico----------------------FtballStar82
Rex Kwon Do---------------------Bow2urSensay
Grandma Dynamite----------------DuneRacrrr_ID
Summer Wheatley-----------------2Qt4wrds_IhrtDON
Don-----------------------------ChubeeChasrJKJK

Definition:

Obsession* (ob-ses-sion): n. 1. Compulsive, often anxious preoccupation with a fixed idea or unwanted emotion. 2. The use of quotations for one movie in over 50 percent of one's spoken or written language.

SOURCE: *WEBSTER'S II*

*EDITORS NOTE:
I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SHARE THAT THIS FOCUS SECTION IS THE PRODUCT OF MANY HOURS IN A SMALL, STIFLING SPACE WITHOUT ACCESS TO COFFEE, FRESH AIR OR ANY FOOD THAT IS NOT OVER 85% CALORIES FROM FAT. SEE IF YOU DON'T BECOME OBSESSED THEN. BECAUSE AT 6:30 A.M., YOU BECOME PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO USE YOUR OWN WORDS, AND IT'S AT TIMES LIKE THESE, WHEN YOU RUN OUT OF THE SALT AND VINEGAR LAYS, THAT YOU SAY THINGS LIKE, "YOU ATE ALL THE FRICKIN' CHIPS KIP. I MEAN LAUREN." YOU GET THE IDEA.

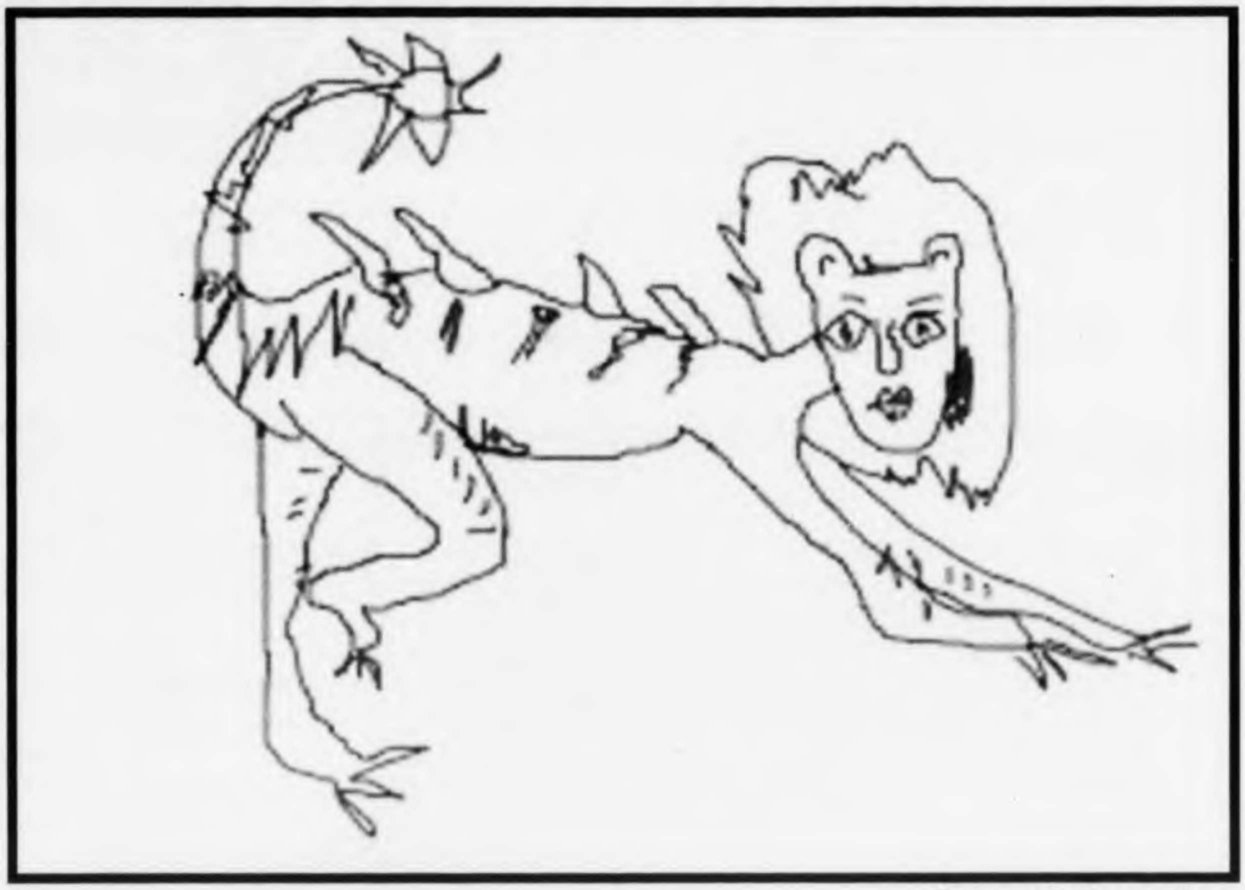
Ligers: Breed for their skills in magic

By Daniel Isanuk, III
World s Biggest Liger Fan

To our left we have a Liger. A tumultuous creature, the Liger is a cross between a lion and a tiger. They are pretty much the favorite animal of Napoleon Dynamite, Liger Extraordinaire , and they should be pretty much the favorite animals of everyone else as well.

Dr. Paul Meier, one of the best, brightest, and most bubbly science professors ever, describes the Liger as "a wonderous creature--it seems mythological, but is actually quite real." Dr. JeremyTeissere did his undergrad thesis on the mating habits of Ligers, and was the first person to discover that Ligers actually do not mate, as they are sterile, but rather engage in female masturbation. "I sort of noticed something was wrong when the Ligers I had locked in a pen started to die off." Indeed.

Of course, if you can't study Ligers firsthand, it is recommended that you draw one. Even the late great artist Leonardo Da Vinci imagined that Ligers would one day exist. In fact, the *Mona Lisa* is supposed to represent one of these such creatures. As Da Vinci once wrote, "Ligers are pretty much my favorite fantasy."



DRAWING BY H. MATTHEW MEYERS

Jennifer Mann Encourages You to Vote for State Senate.

SPECIAL ELECTION - APRIL 5, 2005

Shuttle to the polls: Seegers Union 7am-6:30pm
Leaves every half hour

"It is vital that the Muhlenberg College student's voices are heard on April 5th. Harrisburg can no longer afford to ignore college student's votes."
–Jennifer L. Mann

Paid for by Friends of Jennifer Mann; Richard Leonzi, Treasurer

SWEET QUOTES

"You ate all the frickin' chips, Kip!"-Napoleon

"It'd be nice if you could pull me into town."-Kip

"This one tastes like the cow got into an onion patch." -Napoleon

"I'm just getting kind of T-O-ed because she hasn't sent me a full body shot."-Kip

"It's pretty much the best drawing I've ever done. It took me three hours to do the shading on your upper lip." -Napoleon

"I'm trying to save money for college."-Deb
"Your mom goes to college." -Kip

"A soft face should be complimented by a soft, soft body."-Uncle Rico

"I like your sleeves. They're real big."-Napoleon

"Napoleon, give me some of your tots!"-Bully
"No, I didn't get to eat anything today. I'm frickin' starving!"-Napoleon

"Gosh."-Napoleon

"Idiot."-Napoleon

"Frickin' idiot."-Napoleon

"Tina, come get some ham!" -Napoleon

"Make yourself a dang kay-see-dila!"-Grandma Dynamite

"This is pretty much the worst video ever made."-Napoleon
"Napoleon, like anyone could even know that."-Kip

"What are you gonna do today, Napoleon?"-Kid on bus
"Whatever I feel like doing, gosh!"-Napoleon

"75% of all women wear the wrong bra size. It's my job to see that they wear the right one."-Julie Strasser, Bra Specialist

"I guess you could say things are getting pretty serious."-Kip

"I hope your guys's experiences are unforgetable." -Napoleon

Photo by Bobby

"Type, you bitches."-*Weekly* Pledge Master, Ben Veghte

"Yes, I love technology, but not as much as you, you see. But I still love technology. Always and forever."-Kip

"I see you're drinking one percent. Is that 'cause you think you're fat? Because you're not. You could be drinking whole if you wanted to."-Napoleon

"I've been making some sweet mula with Uncle Rico."-Kip

"A frickin' twelve-gauge, what do you think?"-Napoleon

"I don't know, build her a cake or something."-Pedro

"My lips hurt real bad." -Napoleon

"Napoleon, don't be jealous that I've been chatting online with babes, all day."-Kip

"I love female masturbation." -Lauren Wiesner

"Me too."-Amanda Phillips

"Do you think I got where I am because I dressed like Peter Pan here? Forget about it." -Rex Kwon Do

"I like her bangs."-Pedro
"Me too."-Napoleon

"Girls only like guys who have skills, like numchuck skills, computer hacking skills..." -Napoleon

"I didn't know your names the first week, but now I know yours Shannon."-Sarah Niebler to Lauren Wiesner

"You should come get your stuff out of my locker, because I can't fit my numchucks in there anymore."-Napoleon

"Ben Veghte has a large penis."-Ben Veghte

"Shocks...pegs...lucky!" -Napoleon

"I think this is going to turn out really nice."-Deb

"I caught you a delicious bass."-Napoleon

"Besides, we both know I'm training to be a cage fighter." -Kip

"It's just resting lightly on your thigh."-Lauren to Amanda. Fin.

WEEKLY

liberty!

" Give me liberty or give me death!"

- Patrick Henry

Do you believe in miracles?:

Divine appearance proves profitable on Ebay

By Dameon Preistly
WEEKLY EXORCIST

Before Easter Break, Marc Gollob '05, Mr. Muhlenberg, was enjoying a chicken cheesesteak, full of saturated fat, in GQ when he noticed to his dismay Jason Klein staring back at him.

He was not simply grinning mischieviously at him, but was in an authoritative posture. His finger wagged comandingly at him, demanding his instant obedience. Gollob attracted the attention of other students by screaming and throwing down his meal.

He hoped that Klein would no longer be in his cheesesteak when she picked it back-up, but to his dismay he was still there. In addition and to his utmost horror, he had also started babbling about his conservative views.

John Kirby '06 said, "Klein's being in that cheesesteak was not shameless self-promotion, but instead an act of God!"

It is debatable whether or not this was a miraculous occurence or just another one of Klein's sneaky tricks. But one thing is for certain, it was definitely Klein in that sandwich.

A nearby Catholic student witnessed the shocking event and ran to the Newman Center to seek the advice of Father Krivak, the presiding Catholic priest for the College Community. Rushing to the GQ scene, Father Krivak immediately found the student and the sandwich in question. He examined the cheesesteak carefully, in order to judge its authenticity as well as its divinity.

After lengthy deliberation, Krivak concluded that Klein should be nominated for sainthood. However, this notion proved impossible after Gollob observed, " A saint! But I thought he was Jewish!"

Due to the change in circumstances, Gollob opted instead to sell the infamous cheesesteak on Ebay, a well-known site for the selling and buying of random things. And why not? The cheesesteak glorified an almost god-like figure on campus. Hadn't others sold food products of the like featuring similiar figures? The cheesesteak merely joined the ranks of other food items in which divinities had been sighted.

One such example is the reknown Texas grilled cheese sandwich in which the face of Jesus appeared. The owner of said sandwich auctioned the relic, like Gollob, and reaped a lucrative profit.

Eerily, both food types, the grilled cheese sandwich and the chicken cheesesteak, contained the seemingly pivitol ingredient: cheese! Is this topping, this tasty treat, this morsel of moldy goodness, important to the divine figures of Jesus and Jason Klein? This is perhaps a mystery that no mortal will ever solve.

Very much like his divine appearance in Gollob's cheesesteak, Jason Klein '05 wags his finger menacingly. Although initially a scarring experience, Gollob '05 came to appreciate the occurence and reaped its benefits.

PHOTO BY JARCKIE STARNERER

The sandwich sold on Ebay for $20,000. It was purchased by a student of the College, who breathlessly stated, "I read his work every week and sometimes, in the privacy of my room, practice female masturbation."

Gollob is using the proceeds of the sale to throw a concert in front of Victor's Lament. This outdoor extravaganza will be fittingly named "The Cheese Ball" in honor of the miraculous Jason Klein. It will feature well known acts such as The Cheeseinators, Cheesesteaks Anonymous and special guest, the beloved childhood figure, the Stinky Cheese man.

Gollob solemnly stated, "At first, I felt scared seeing Jason Klein in my dinner, but now, I just feel blessed." Obviously, he appreciates the miraculous event.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF FEMALE MASTURBATION?

"I see A LOT of that."

-Brown Hall

"People just need people. But when you don't have other people using yourself is the best option."

-Barbara Streisand

"Some people think it's hard for us mules with our cloven hooves, but that's why God gave mules tails."

-Maggie Mule of the Red Door

"I've learned to suppress those urges for moral reasons, but especially cause I'm made of stone."

-Mrs.Vigilance, the statue

"Why Don't We Do it in the Road?"

By Resident Sex Fiend
Weekly Sex Goddess

Why don't you do it in the road? After all sex is one of the most natural human actions, so bring it back to nature by getting it on outside. However, I would caution you not to actually choose the road because first of all, you would probably get run over by a car and secondly, there are many more comfortable places right here on campus.

If you're the shy type and are not ready to publicize your lustful activities, then start inside. An anonymous source commented, "I was in the bio library with my boyfriend one night, and there were these big comfy couches and large tables. It was super hot, and we prepared for our test at the same time!" Another exclusive Shankweiler spot is the Biology Museum. If you're an animal lover, you can get it on between the paws of a life-sized stuffed polar bear. Hot! Other secluded options are the practice rooms in the Center for the Arts. However, you may be interrupted by a diligent musician wanting to play his flute or female masturbation.

For you daredevils out there, you can take it outside right under the beloved Victor's Lament. In the afternoon, the statue casts a nice shadow that creates a comfortable shade for the two or three of you during the upcoming spring months. For first-years, the freshmen quad between Brown, Prosser and Walz is a convenient option. The quad is equipped with benches, picnic tables and cement slabs that would suit your purposes nicely. However, don't forget a blanket or fluffy comforter because you wouldn't want whoever's under you to experience any discomfort.

If you don't want to get the comforter on your bed dirty, ask your mom to send you one from home so that you can "see an outdoor concert." Also, moist ground can really put a damper on sexual activity, so after a rainstorm spread an old shower curtain on the ground. However, there is something to be said about experiencing the elements with your partner. Instead of cuddling in front of the TV during the next thunderstorm, get it on in the middle of Parents Plaza. Even if you're timid, this is a great option because everyone else will be inside. The rain will also serve as a natural lubricant.

Two lovers roll around on the hard, hot cement. Follow their lead and get your groove on in the road. Watch out for cars!

Photo by Dan McClung

Although all the outdoor settings mentioned above will get any couple hot and bothered, the most popular place on campus to have sex is by far the President's lawn. President Randy Helm and his wife are very busy people- he's always in the Garden Room, and she's always teaching a music class of some sort- so they most likely won't be home

SEE **SEX** | PAGE 16

The Joys of Coffee: *Euphoria Cafe*

By Coco Latte
Weekly Caffeine Addict

Taking a stroll in Allentown after their noontime classes, four students of the College found a cozy looking café on the corner of Tilghman and St. Cloud. In jazzy, carved letters, the swinging sign says "Euphoria Central." Its green painted door and stained glass window stands out amongst the common, glass doors so often seen as entrances to stores. That is what first attracted these wanderers to its doorstep, the door that welcomes with an air of mystery. Peering in windows of the café, the students saw other customers inside and decided to take a break from their walk to seek warm refreshment.

Upon entering the dimly lit room, a cloud of blue smoke burst into their faces and soared up their nostrils. However, as the smell sank in, they noticed its familiar piney and fruity scent. They smiled at each other knowingly and sat down on one of the numerous plush, red velvet couches scattered throughout the coffeehouse.

"Euphoria Central" has an unusual layout. The walls are covered in a dark navy paint and all of the walls are brightly decorated with Alice in Wonderland details. A painted mad hatter and mouse occupy half of the wall with Alice and her magic cookies filling up the rest.

The caterpillar, resting on his mushroom smoking from a hookah, is painted next to a side door. A bright orange arrow indicates that for more smoking pleasures like the hookah, enter here.

The Cheshire cat dominates the café. Its painted form rises up from behind the checkout counter and snakes along the walls. Finally, its purple color disappears, brilliantly showcasing his white grin.

Chill music plays in the background and board games lie around waiting for the chance players. On one of the wooden coffee tables menus are stacked and slightly dingy from the handling they receive everyday. They are covered back to front with handwritten options.

Upon inspection, these menus offer an array of delicacies. All smoking needs are met as up to 20 flavors of hookah are offered. Blunts, joints, the occasional gravity and water bongs are there for inhalation. Water bongs prove to be quite popular as they offer a smoother feeling and don't hurt the lungs. They are slightly more expensive though, but to each their own.

A variety of food is available as

SEE **EUPHORIA** | PAGE 15

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Loving Myself
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun.1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Loving Herself
Fri. 4:20, 4:20, 4:20
Sat. 4:20, 4:20,4:20
Sun. 4:20, 4:20, 4:20

She Loves She Herself
Fri. 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 7:10

Llamas Love Her
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

She Loves Llamas
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

She Loves He
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

My Rabbit and Me
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Liciaga Story
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Sondheim slashes *Sweeny* at the 'Berg

By Paul MacSongster
CONTEMPTUOUS WEEKLY REVIEWER

Stephen Sondheim, the nearly-dead North American namby-pamby writer of such expansive, eclectic, Aristotelian and despondent tales of woe like Into the Woods and Sweeny Todd, brought the latter to the lavishly lugubrious Baker Theatre last week.

On this rare occasion, Mr. Sondheim decided to helm the project himself and choreograph the dance numbers and the meticulously orchestrated blood splatters.

In contrast, in conjunction with, comparative to, comprehensively meticulous, the weekend was graced with a slew of slit throats and meat pies.

If you didn't "try the Priest," you didn't miss much. Angela Lansbury, who plays the pie-baker, and Clive Owen, who plays the demon barber, arrived on campus amidst an expansive parade to celebrate the joyous occasion of the revival. It all started going down hill from then.

The experience commenced with the shoddy usher duties supremely commanded by Muhlenberg Theatre Department minion Charles Richter.

The set in which the actors frolicked was itself far too elaborate and beautifully orchestrated for a scale of this size. A small scale, barren stage orchestrated with a single heavily orchestrated dangling light bulb in the heavily orchestrated center would've benefited Brad (audience participation) and Janet (audience participation) in the large scale of the musical theatre motif conversely, on account of, laterally bipolar pretentious.

lyzes another theatrical performance... but not in this issue.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNER

The play began on a rowboat that happened to be intricately docking in London. In the midst of a song that referred to some sort of chasm of excrement and existential vagueness of human consciousness in the midst of the hastily concocted wrinkled face of mortality.

Michael Showalter's expressive performance, bridging from inner turmoil comparatively, in his role as the demon Barber transcended all reasonable levels of awful and entered into the obscene.

He was so poor that it resurrected memories of his grievous starring role in Stephen Spielberg's pretentious Apocalypse Now.

Joanna, played by pretentious Joss Stone and equally pretentious Bjork in a pretentiously duel role, stole the show with expressive sluttery and inappropriate expressiveness. Sometimes, Bjork would just go too far into the dark, dusty abyss of repetitive

SEE **SWEENY** | PAGE 15

SWEENY | FROM PAGE 15

soothsaying, while Stone would drag the character in a euphoria induced hermitage across the contours of the plywood base of the stage, in tandum.

The lighting just didn't work. The elaborate makeup failed to cause any audience response, and just didn't work. Joanna's garters were too high-strung, and thus just didn't work. The Priest pie was clearly not made of priest, and thus failed to convey the intent of Sondheim's own lyrics, and just didn't work.

Clearly, the presence of a two-story barber shop in the center of the stage didn't work. Female masturbation was unsuccessful despite repeated attempts, and didn't work. Levar Burton didn't work, Lou Reed didn't work, James Carville didn't work, and Antony and the Johnsons didn't show up for their 2nd Act musical number.

The usher work, however, managed to be quite successful and provided for an enjoyable experience. In fact, the whole experience was enjoyable, within the confines of enjoyable experiences and summarily groovy occasions.

Though, just between you and me, on my level, it just plain sucked...in a nice way, poorly wonderful.

EUPHORIA | FROM PAGE 14

well "special" brownies, cookies, baked breads, and scones are available for around five dollars each. All of these are encased in Saran wrap and placed in baskets inside a glass display case. An assortment of pies, including their famous chicken "pot" pie and side of mashed "potatoes" illuminate the counter space.

John Galt '07 ordered a medium café mocha with a couple drops of liquid acid in it. When asked about its taste and richness he comments, "Why is my arm dancing?" Obviously, the coffee proved to be otherworldly and provided quite a good trip. **Coffee Rating: 8.**

Sarah Miller '05 loves chocolate like a pedophile loves children. She opted for the "special" brownie and enjoyed its THC packed chocolate. When asked what she thought of the brownie, she sat there for several moments slyly chuckling to herself. Then she just sat there with her mouth open, speechless. Finally, she describeed it as "grainy, postmodern minimalist with a splash of honey breakfast." She plunged back into the couch giggling. **Brownie Rating: 4.20.**

Phil Smith '06 decided to show a

SEE **EUPHORIA** | PAGE 15

EUPHORIA | FROM PAGE 15

softer side and ordered a large mug of weed tea. Phil ignored the steam though, concentrating on its substance. He noted that "the bergamot infusion transports me to the middle of the English moors, and I'm sinking seven feet deep." Because of his depth of seven feet he decided to rate it likewise. **Tea Rating: 7.**

Patty Chang '05 took a risk and tried the ever-infamous chicken "pot" pie. She was pleasantly surprised by its yummy taste. She had never tried anything like that before and sat back to digest her food. She talked to herself, strangely bringing up female masturbation, and the joys of sex and its many perks. Suddenly she sat up, and looked around and whispers, "What channel is her?" Hmmm. This response is unexpected, but from the calm smile sifting across her face, it looks like the pie is a winner. **Pie Rating: 10.**

An hour later, the wanderers got up from their squashy, bowl-like prints imbedded in the sofa. They gave the establishment a **10 for atmosphere**, **9 for cleanliness**, and a **7 for value**, and left for campus, healthier for their walk and happier from their mind-altering substances. **Overall Rating: 7.885714286.**

Muhlenberg Circus
Performers Wanted
□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□
Seeking:
contortionists
daring acrobats
juggling clowns
frat boys
Contact- Billbo T. Clown at
iwantfratboyz@yahoo.com

horoscopes

By Mme Emma Nordica and many other cracked out minds

Aries

It's a beautiful morning and the sun is smiling down on upon you and all that you do. Due to your hardwork, this week you are going to ace your big test or quiz. Take this chance to look into summer jobs or internships. You'll have a great interview and really score some brownie points with the bosses. As for love and relationships, that special person will be coming your way.

Taurus

April showers bring May flowers!! Little bullheaded one, do not be sad. Although things may seem to be dreary and your luck has been not so good lately, chin up! Things can't get much worse. This week will be tough, but you are going to get through it with flying colors and start a new. As Anne of Green Gables used to say, " Tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it."

Gemini

Well my two-faced one, aren't we showing our true colors. This recent spurt of anger and hostily needs to stop. Don't blame it on your "time of the month" or raging hormones. This is all about you! Lashing out at the ones you care about is no way to make you feel better. Instead, address the issures that are bothering you and tackle them head on. You can do it, put your ass into it!

Cancer

Oh cancer, what a terrible zodiac name you have! Cancer, cancer, cancer. Hahah, am I scaring you? No worries my dear, you do not have to worry about a terminal disease or suddenly dropping dead. In fact, you are looking quite healthy and with this good weather you are going to be better than ever. The sun does wonders and exercise in the fresh air will perk your spirits.

Leo

Leo, my lion hearted one, it's time for a change! Try taking on a new habit like writing a letter or phoning a different friend or family member once a week. Virgo, sorry, you just weren't special enough for a forecast this week!

Libra

Like your sign indicates, you are one of fairness and justice. This week you will be mediator to two of your close friends. Although it will be hard on you, because you will have to side with either one or the other, you will come out a stronger and more independent person for it. Be fair and be equal. Later on, the fruits of your labours will be rewarded.

Scorpio

Spring is so often characterized as a season of love and laughter. And I'm sorry, but this is not going to happen for you. This is not a bad thing though. In fact, it is quite positive. You need to learn how to be on your own and be comfortable on your own. This is going to be a season of self reflection and growth. A time to conclude that you are OK with everything about yourself.

Sagittarius

It's time to take up a new hobby. It's getting nice outside, so I recommend something wild and adventurous. White water rafting has always gotten great reviews, and everyone seems to love the excitement of the rapids. Go sky diving and feel yourself flying. Either way, it's time to get out there and be wild. Let go of your end of the year stresses and let yourself go crazy!

Capricorn

Love is in your forecast for this week and acutally the whole month of April. One person after another will step into your life and unfortunately leave just as quickly. Thats ok though, at the end of April that one special person will stay for good and make your springtime full of chirping birds and lovey dovey songs. At this time of the year, its good to be you!

Aquarius

This week is only looking so-so for the Aquarius born out there.This will progress as usual and unfortunately nothing new will really pop your way. You've got the end of the. year doldrums. They are no more breaks before the end of the year and you are feeling the monotony of it all.My advice: take a breather, a short nap, or a shower.

Pisces

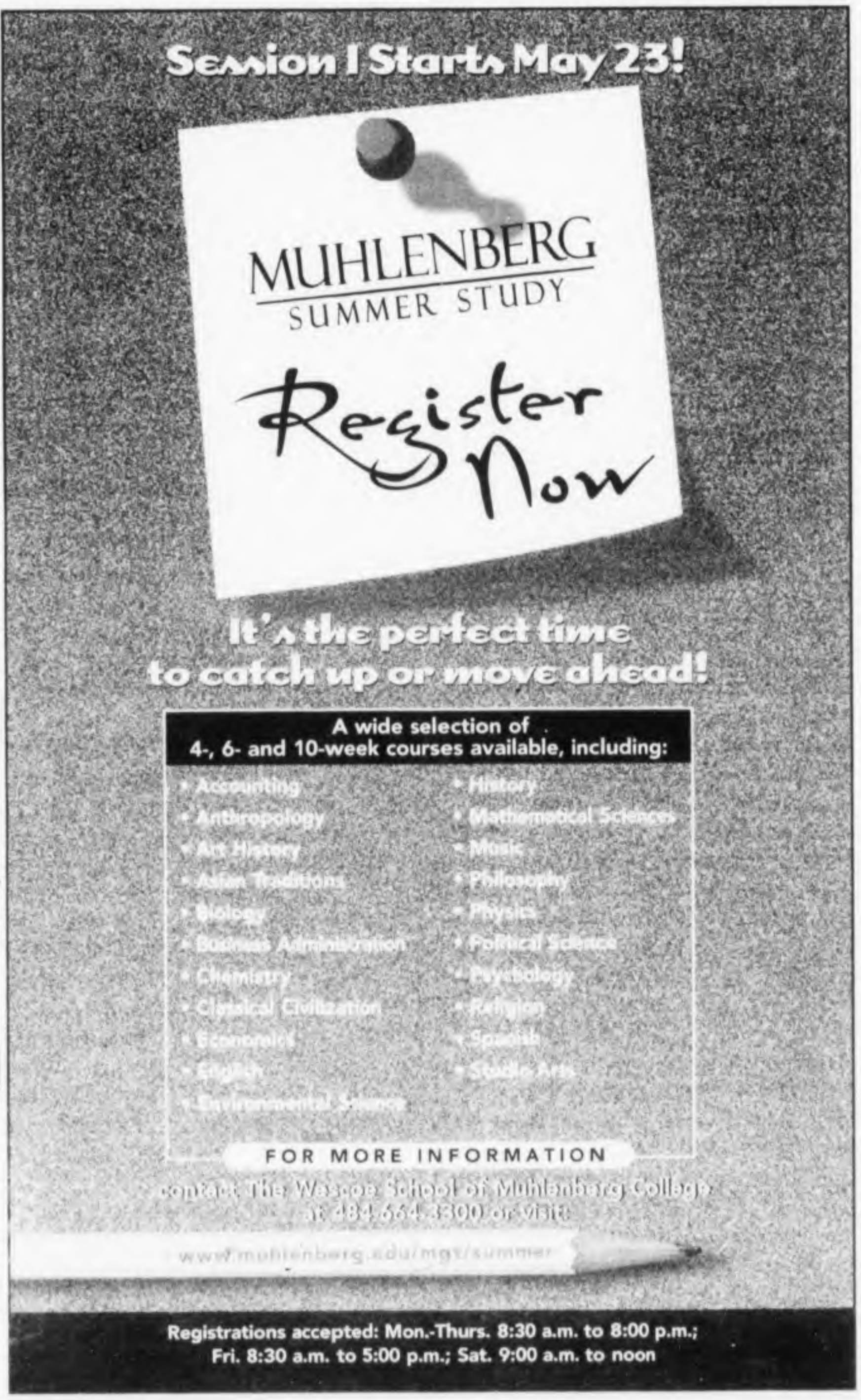
This month you will relish the time spent with your friends and truly appreciate what they mean to you. More so, your friends will realize what a terrific person you are and are lucky to have you as friend. Smile and be happy! You have great friends and a great life. Relax and take in some rays, read a few books, and don't worry!

SEX | FROM PAGE 14

when you get it on in their yard. The shrubbery and landscaping around the house really lends itself to the mood of a romantic rendezvous. If you are lucky enough to find the back gate open or know how to pick a lock, then you can easily slip into the backyard and get busy. The places I have suggested are of course not the only places to have sex on campus. The unadventurous will always choose a dorm room. But if you're looking to add some spice to your relationship, experiment in different places with your partner. Maybe last time you had sex on the front lawn you got arrested. So what! Dust yourself off and try again maybe under a table in Garden Room.

Getting down and dirty in the gravel, this female student takes charge.

PHOTO BY DAN MCCLUNG



Session I Starts May 23!

MUHLENBERG
SUMMER STUDY

Register Now

It's the perfect time to catch up or move ahead!

A wide selection of 4-, 6- and 10-week courses available, including:

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Asian Traditions
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilization
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Science
- History
- Mathematical Sciences
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Spanish
- Studio Arts

FOR MORE INFORMATION

contact The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College at 484.664.3300 or visit:

www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/summer

Registrations accepted: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m. to noon

FRISBEE GOLF

FROM PAGE 20

the team did not show up. When the College attempted to track down the athletes, they were no where to be found.

"The College is violating the student's trust by attempting to test them for drugs," said Junior Adam Cohen.

"We are a liberal arts college, and we used to be called the 'friendly college.' I expected this College to support the team's decision not to be tested." College officials have attempted to suspend the team's practices until the entire team has been tested.

The College staff has been instructed to confiscate Frisbees should the team be seen practicing. Just last week, Coach Linda Andrews was seen chasing a player down Academic Row. She tackled him just before he found sanctuary in Moyer.

"I told the student he was going to have to repeat Fitness and Wellness," said Andrews, "He will have to go through midterms and the dreaded final project."

"The Fitness and Wellness final project is about as fun as an article about female masturbation," said Cohen.

After this incident, the team has found ways to avoid Coach Andrews and other staff members-- they took the game inside.

"We figured that we would be harder to catch in hallways full of students," said Strass. In the indoor games, one of the problems was "frisbees getting stuck on sprinklers." These incidents caused repeated fire alarms and evacuations of the freshman dorms.

When practice moved to Shankweiler, one player hit the polar bear. "I have never been able to make a throw hook left like that," said Novak. After these escapades, the team decided to take the game outside.

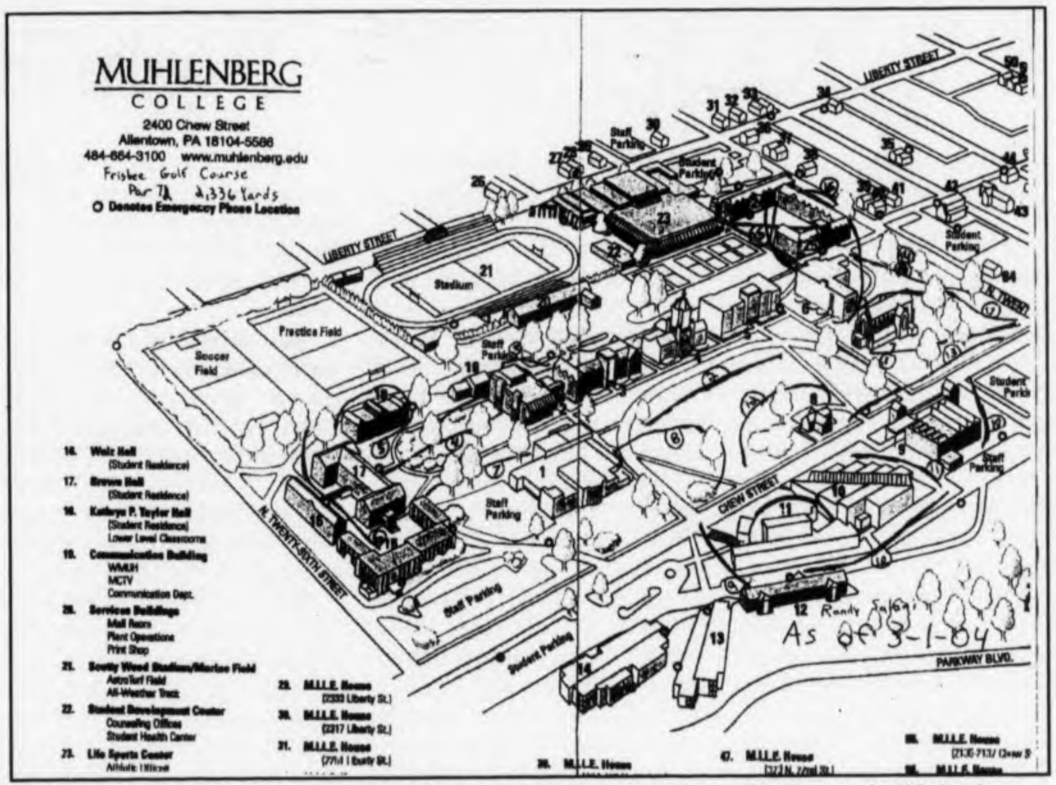
The team soon came up with a solution. "The College can't watch us all of the time," said senior captain Seena Shekari. "We are still able to sneak practices in at night. I'd just like to see the College try and catch us."

In response to the team's challenge, the College hired two Campus Safety officers whose only duty will be to watch the course.

With increased surveillance, we hope to stop this problem," said Director of Campus Safety Ken Lupole.

Lupole has instructed the Campus Watch program to inform the College Campus about the problem.

Even with the action taken, some say the team has been unfairly targeted. "My team doesn't have to be tested," said Strauss. "They are not using steroids."


MUHLENBERG COLLEGE
2400 Chew Street
Allentown, PA 18104-5586
484-664-3100 www.muhlenberg.edu
Frisbee Golf Course
Par 72 2,336 Yards
O Denotes Emergency Phone Location
LIBERTY STREET
Stadium
Practice Field
Soccer Field
Staff Parking
Student Parking
CHEW STREET
N. TWENTY-SIXTH STREET
PARKWAY BLVD.
12 Randy Salegi
As of 3-1-04
16. Walz Hall (Student Residence)
17. Brown Hall (Student Residence)
18. Kathryn P. Taylor Hall (Student Residence) Lower Level Classrooms
19. Communication Building WMUH MCTV Communication Dept.
20. Services Buildings Mail Room Plant Operations Print Shop
21. Scotty Wood Stadium/Marino Field AstroTurf Field All-Weather Track
22. Student Development Center Counseling Offices Student Health Center
23. Life Sports Center Athletic Offices
29. M.I.L.E. House (2333 Liberty St.)
30. M.I.L.E. House (2317 Liberty St.)
31. M.I.L.E. House
47. M.I.L.E. House

The Frisbee Golf course is currently unused, pending a NCAA investigation and athlete drug testing.

FRISBEE GOLF COURSE PLAN COURTESY OF CAMPUS SAFETY

GYM

FROM PAGE 19

tioned, "Girls are trying to impress us?"

This male even went so far as to claim that certain machines are seen as a turn-on. "Well I like when girls are on that machine (points to crotch), that vagina machine. It is like female masturbation."

(Obviously there is no such apparatus; his description refers to the inner thigh machine).

Still, we do not have to be totally discouraged ladies; there are some guys who are more hopeful, like this male athlete: "Hey, if a girl looks good in sweatpants and a tight T-shirt, then she looks good in just about anything."

"I don't want a girl that is trying to impress; I want to notice her myself," he continued.

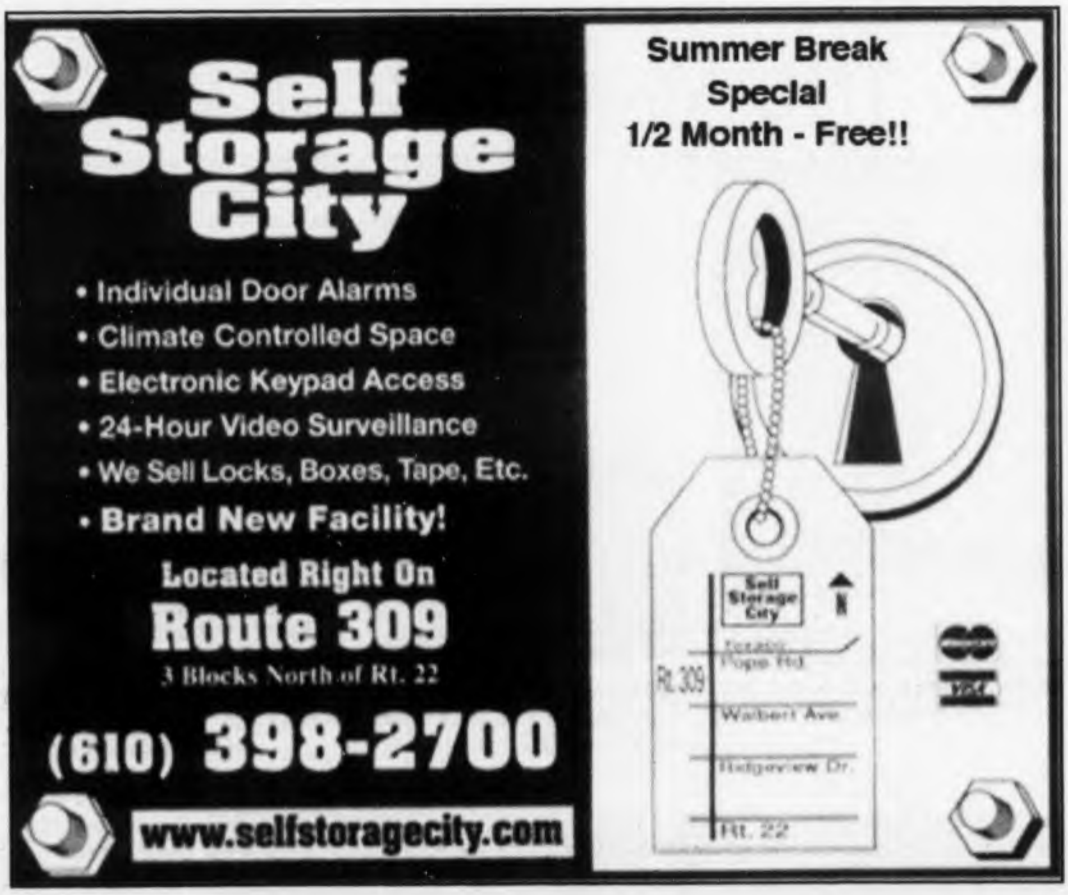
Luckily, our efforts as young females on the prowl might not be in vain. After all, boys will be boys and girls will be girls; matches will be made.

No matter what guys say, according to one of my male friends, they do notice and are looking. This guy says that he met his secret crush in the gym: "That girl in the yellow, I would wife her."

So ladies, instead of trying to impress the boys at the gym, let's begin focusing more on ourselves and let the boys impress us.

The gym, after all, is a place to work hard and boost your own self esteem. It is not the attention that you get from the guys that matter, but the way you feel about yourself and your body after an intense physical workout.

And as our mothers have told all of us: once you love yourself, others will take note and will want to love you too.


Self Storage City
• Individual Door Alarms
• Climate Controlled Space
• Electronic Keypad Access
• 24-Hour Video Surveillance
• We Sell Locks, Boxes, Tape, Etc.
• Brand New Facility!
Located Right On
Route 309
3 Blocks North of Rt. 22
(610) 398-2700
www.selfstoragecity.com
Summer Break
Special
1/2 Month - Free!!
Self Storage City
N
Rt. 309
Pope Rd.
Walbert Ave.
Ridgeview Dr.
Rt. 22

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY Sports section is looking for a highly qualified editor to replace Senior Allison Auclair. These characteristics are imperative:

1. DISGUST FOR SEX-RELATED ARTICLES, ESPECIALLY THOSE CONCERNING FEMALE MASTURBATION.

2. AVOIDANCE OF INTERACTION WITH OTHER WEEKLY STAFF MEMBERS.

3. EXHIBITS BEHAVIORS SUCH AS INATTENTIVENESS, UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE/LATENESS ON PRODUCTION NIGHTS

4. HABITUAL AND OBSESSIVE E-MAILING

5. INCAPABLE OF DOING NEWSPAPER LAYOUTS PROPERLY

Please contact Kristen Ziegler at x5982. Serious applicants only.

Mules *violate* Fightin' Blue Hens

By Sally Statistic
Weekly Sports Writer

In their first ever Division I game, the Mules faced off against University of Delaware.

"I think we were prepared for this game very well," said Coach Hackett, "Even though we have never played in this division, our spirits were high, and we were all truly working together."

The Fightin' Blue Hens came out strong in the first quarter. Though the Mules spent the second half playing catch-up, by the third inning, they had it in the bag. The Mules brought home a 52-10 win.

The Blue Hens opened up with a touchdown at 1:19, but the Mules kicked back, checking a Delaware player to regain possession of the ball.

As the Mules batted the ball off, a Blue Hens guard whacked the ball back down the field. A second player picked it up and tossed it through the hoop, to bring the score to 9-0.

Junior Tara DeMarzo took the ball back on the three-point line, but she was hassled by the Hens. Delaware took the ball down the field, with their offensive guard remaining just two seconds ahead of DeMarzo in the 50m dash. The Mules defense sacked the Delaware player, knocking the ball out of the park. Then the buzzer sounded and play was over. The Mules went into the locker room down by nine points.

Following the quarter, the Mules came out strong. "Coach Hackett really made us hot," said DeMarzo.

In the first five seconds of the second inning, Junior Tif Kirk threw the pole vault through the goal posts to get the Mules on the board.

Kirk said, "I just couldn't see our first game going down the drain."

"Kirk put out a strong performance, she is someone the team can depend on to do what needs to be done," said Junior Karen Mount.

The Blue Hens took the ball back, and the point guard spiraled the ball down towards the goal. The Mules offense had other ideas: Senior Danielle Bovelle picked up the ball. This was the beginning of the end for the Blue Hens.

Bovelle rushed down the field in 4:04.31, to score the new team record for career rushes. Bovelle has nine rushes so far this season.

The career rush record was previously held by Nathan Horst '04. Horst still holds the team record for a career high of 30 returns.

The Mules went on to score five touchdowns in the next twenty minutes. "I just wish we could have done that in our scrimmage against Lehigh [University]," said Freshman Joe Tartar. Tartar accounted for three of the team's five goals and had five pins.

Tartar slid home with a little under a minute left in the second inning but was tagged out by the Blue Hens star player.

In the third inning, Freshman Ashley Reed hit one out of the park to bring the score to 39-9. The Mules had a strong third inning with Reed, Bovelle and DeMarzo all tapping in for a birdie.

Mount was hit in a hat trick. Her three goals give her the season-high for points per game. DeMarzo had two in the season-opener against Lehigh University.

Delaware was able to toss one through the hoop in the final minute of the game, but the Mules still came out on top.

The Mules defense remained strong throughout the final half of the game. Though the Blue Hens did have 30:09 minutes of possession, they were unable to capitalize on the time.

Senior Nick Rosetti was excellent in the goal, keeping the Blue Hens scoring average down to just nine points out of 39.

"We just played a good game," said Rosetti. "Nothing can keep this team down except the excessive female masturbation that goes on in our locker room during halftime."

After the game, the Mules team dumped a celebratory cooler of freshly-squeezed lemonade on their coach.

"It was just unbelievable" said Reed. "We look forward to repeating this performance next week."

On Thursday, the Mules play away at West Chester University against the Golden Rams. On Saturday, the Mules play at home against the Richmond University Spiders. The Rams are ranked eighth in the nation while the Spiders are ranked sixteenth.

The Year's Best in Photos

Each year, *The Muhlenberg Weekly* digs through its photo library in an attempt to find photos that best capture the spirit of the season. This year, we looked back over the Mules history to find the best moments in the College's games.

While many Colleges celebrate their winning seasons or broken records, Muhlenberg College celebrates something else. This mysterious thing allows the athletes to jump for joy in the middle of the field. Other athletes share their spirit through interactions with their opponents.

Yes, this is the Muhlenberg winning spirit. No matter how many games are lost and how many troubles are faced, the Mules continue to kick.

While our athletes may not take the most traditional routes to the winning spirit, there is no question that the Muhlenberg College winning spirit deserves to be celebrated.

After this game, the College decided implementing a rage program would be a good idea.
Photo by Tanya Harding

Dean Rudy Ehrenberg displays a cat-like prowess as he watches the ball head down the field and toward the goal.
Photo by Catwoman

This player learned not to get in the way of the Mules. If you can't beat them, you aren't kicking hard enough.
Photo by David Beckham

The Mules offensive player leads her opponent in a dance in celebration of their time together in the game. Downfield, another Mule tries to picks up the choreography. With athletes who are this excited just to be on the field, who cares what the final score is?

Photo by Paula Abdul

The Mules vs. the Sleepy Hollow University Headless guys.

Photo by Ichabod Crane

Lessons in life, sex & sweat

By Kat Gymrat
Weekly M.R.S. seeker

I'm not going to lie. My friends and I -- and every other freshman girl -- have wondered at least once if we will meet our future husbands here at College.

I do not deny paging through the alumni magazine that awaits me at home every break, joking about the days when I will send in an engagement announcement, pictures of reunions with classmates and maybe even a picture of my own mini-mule.

But masculinity, academic achievement and athletic prowess are hard to come by in substantial pairings at an institution with such a lopsided male/female ratio.

It has been my personal experience that athletes are often attracted to other athletes, thus making the weight room and cardio loft of the Life Sports Center prime hunting ground for that match (at least in the female mind).

There are currently 424 Varsity athletes at Muhlenberg, approximately 20 percent of the Student Body.

Essentially, this equates to a good amount of potential mates that one knows where to find day in and day out, on the field and on the court. Forget the classroom.

This may explain the endless stream of scantily clad females (athletes and non-athletes) constantly pouring into the gym at the practice times of in-season athletes, approximately 4:00 p.m.

And boys, believe me, girls know when you are practicing. I mean, come on, we need to maximize our chances of seeing you.

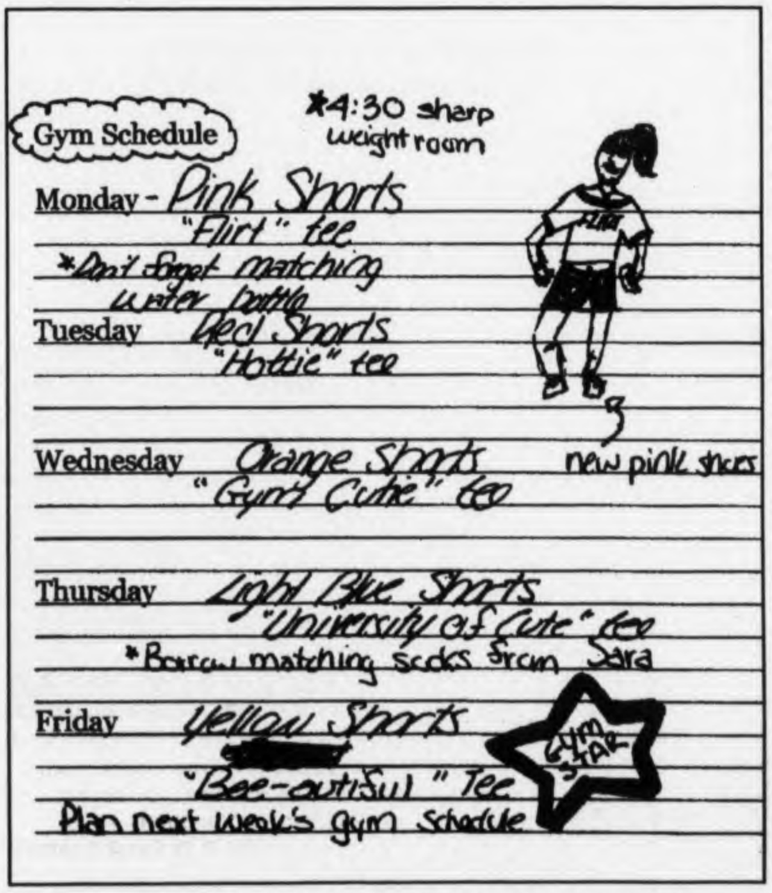
The real question then becomes, do guys even notice a girl's efforts or do they prep for nothing? I decided to take matters into my own hands, and who better to ask than some male athletes?

The first male I questioned bluntly claimed: "A guy's main reason for being there [at the gym] is to actually lift, but I am definitely more motivated if a girl is watching. If I see a hot-ass girl, I definitely throw more weight up."

But wait, are girls actually more attracted to guys who can bench more than others? According to my roommate, not so; numbers don't matter. "I don't look at how much weight guys are lifting, I just look at those muscles tense up."

One oblivious freshman male even ques-

SEE GYM
PAGE 17



Gym Schedule
*4:30 sharp
weight room

Monday - Pink Shorts
"Flirt" tee
*Don't forget matching
water bottle

Tuesday Red Shorts
"Hottie" tee

Wednesday Orange Shorts
"Gym Cutie" tee
new pink shoes

Thursday Light Blue Shorts
"University of Cute" tee
*Borrow matching socks from Sara

Friday Yellow Shorts
[redacted]
"Bee-autiful" Tee
Plan next week's gym schedule

Gym Star

This schedule, confiscated from the Life Sports Center weight room, illustrates one student's true gym routine.

Courtesy of Weekly Undercover Spy

RECRUIT

FROM PAGE 20

gram," a sixteen-hour a day course addressing the issues of rape on college campuses.

I was also required to write a 125 page paper, entitled the "freshman thesis statement" about the implications of rape or forced sexual interactions. This experience was about as cool as writing articles in *The Weekly* about female masturbation.

Upon the completion of the rape programs, I embarked on the boozing aspect of freshman orientation. The program, led by Dr. Carol Shiner-Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life was entitled "The Culture of Campus Drinking." This seven-hour a day lecture series focusing on college binge drinking lasted for the duration of my second week as a freshman. During those days I cracked open a cold one, and chugged it down to relieve my misery. This course was during the day, for at night we attended "The Choices Program" led by Wilson as well. The complete picture: ninety minutes to three-hour sessions, focusing on the addictive behaviors accompanying underage drinking.

And so, after being faced with the endless hours stuck within the College's orientation torment, I am proud to say that I survived and live to tell my story.

You know you're a Muhlenberg athlete when...

By: Murph McMurphson
Weekly Undercover Athlete

...As an in-season lacrosse player you feel the need to carry your stick over your shoulder everywhere with you. Whether it's to GQ, class, the weight room or the bathroom, Mr. Stick is fused to your body and your relationship with it can be seen as being as intimate as female masturbation.

...You know what a murph is.

...You have recently contracted a lethal skin infection through your interaction with the weight and cardiovascular equipment in the Life Sports Center. If other gym-goers would just wear their damn t-shirts like the rule says...

...You dreadfully count down the days before preseason, and excitedly count down the number of practices and games you have left until your season ends.

...Regardless of the day, event or climate, you are dressed head to toe in your team's attire. Whether it's a hooded sweatshirt or a jacket, the, "I'm in season, so I don't have enough time to put on real clothes" look is one that you can't pass up.

...You won't dine alone or with a roommate but would rather eat in the Garden Room with every single member of your team. Better yet, you can combine two of those big round tables, all wear the same sweat suits, and discuss the two hour practice that you all just shared together. Who ever heard of diversifying yourself? Now these team dinners, that's branching out if you ask me.

...On Friday night, your exciting agenda consists of dinner in the Garden Room and watching a sports movie, in preparation for the game on Saturday.

...You make up for the other six nights during the week spent in your room preparing for games by partying hard on Saturday nights, the one night when you are entitled to unlimited social freedom.

...You feel the need to tell everyone within listening distance that you were the cream of the crop in high school. You were All-District this, M.V.P. that and you don't understand why Coach Muhlenberg doesn't see your talent. Guess what? We were all that good. It was high school.

...Upon quitting your sport, you go to games and have a secret desire to see the team fail miserably without you.

...You walk into the Life Sports Center after a game, still sweaty and in uniform, and you are STILL asked for proof that you go to school here.

...Your AIM buddy list has a separate group just of your teammates.

...Your main description of someone is: "(s)he plays basketball/wrestles/runs track/etc."

... You get excited if Garden Room is open after practice.

...You tell a professor you will miss class for an athletic event and s/he gives you a hard time, yet the kid that slept in and wrote an "I'm sick"email doesn't hear a word.

...You can get to the Athletic website easier than your Muhlenberg e-mail account.

...You don't understand how people who don't play a sport don't have time to complete their daily tasks.

... As a baseball player, the red Muhlenberg hats are glued to your head, whether it is to bed, practice, class or a Saturday night out.

... As an excuse for stealing clothing from the equipment room, you claim, "it's okay we pay over $30,000 in tuition."

...The first thing you do on Thursday, when *The Weekly* is published, is flip it over and read it beginning from the sports section.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside: *The Mules knock out the Fightin' Blue Hens.*
page 19

SPORTS

Inside: *A look into the use of gym as a dating ritual.*
page 18

Drug troubles follow NCAA recognition

The frisbee golf course will remain closed until the team submits to drug testing.

PHOTO BY TIGER WOODS

By Rich McGolfer
BLOODY NOSE EXTRAORDINAIRE

Frisbee Golf has been suspended from the College's athletic program.

Last month, the team was recognized by the NCAA as a Division I sport. Though there are no schools in the area with recognized teams, the Mules did not even begin to consider this as they practiced in early January.

FRISBEE GOLF

"Our holes are not quite up to regulation because they are missing the baskets," said Junior Chris Walach. "But we have been making up for it with extra practice." Players have been spotted at the hole outside of Martin Luther Hall at 4:00 a.m.

"With all the people in our way, moving our Frisbees when we play down Academic Row, it is hard to practice during daylight hours," said Senior Tom Novak. "The twilight hours have always been my preferred time of play."

"We took our training very seriously," said Senior Mike Strauss, "Frisbee Golf is a full contact sport and involves a lot of aerobic exercise. I had to make those boys stretch!"

All of their late night practices paid off. Over Spring Break, the Mules traveled to Kalamazoo, Michigan to compete against Western Michigan University.

Though the Broncos do not have a NCAA recognized team, "We don't discriminate" said Strauss. "Any practice we can get is good." In their first official match-up, the Mules came away with an easy win. After a run-a-ball third wicket partnership worth 69, the Mules pulled away for the victory.

The Mules then played against U.C. Berkeley, the team credited with founding the sport. While Berkeley had a good round, it was still not enough. The Mules won another easy victory, and became the NCAA Spring Break Champions.

Unfortunately, these easy victories have caused suspicion among NCAA officials. "No one can enter the field and conquer it that easily," said Sam Beidleman, Director of Athletics. "We are currently investigating the team for illegal substance abuse. The team has been suspended from the NCAA until they undergo drug testing."

The College has attempted to test the team, but have been met with resistance. Testing was scheduled to take place on Mar. 21, but

SEE **FRISBEE** | PAGE 17

From the recruiting dream to "Red Zone" and "Yellow Dress"

By Anon. Survivor
WEEKLY SPORTS RECRUIT

A RECRUIT'S TRUE LIFE VISIT

To many observers, this may seem like a completely illogical way to approach a college football career. With a camera in hand, my family traveled to 44 out of 50 states in the past year, on a quest to find the perfect college to fit my athletic ability. In each, the typical would take place: tour of the campus, meet the coach, then the sleepover.

The latter was the best part. The guys on the team would take it upon themselves to show me a good time. Between the keg stands, upper-class girls flirting with me and three a.m. pizza runs, who could deny that recruiting trips were a good time?

Not me.

I must admit, however, that the logistics of actually planning and mapping out this kind of trip into such a relatively short period of time are mind-boggling. Within five hours in this kind of environment, I had suddenly become a real man.

My trip to Muhlenberg College was nothing less than spectacular, and I decided to apply to the College early decision.

On my first day at the College, I realized there was much that I was not informed of on my recruiting trip. Little did I know, I would be expected to complete orientation month from hell.

The following is a slightly embellished tale of a real experience I encountered during my Muhlenberg College Orientation.

Unlike many college freshmen, I entered college having gone to a quite liberal high school, and I'd had some personal experience with underage drinking as well as sexual assault during my teen years.

Still, nothing quite prepared me for the dreadful programs that I experienced during my initial days at college.

Read on, gentle reader, while I tell you a tale of torture and anguish. It is a story from my own orientation.

It began as a blissful Friday night, my first evening at the College. I was just milling about on the College lawn when suddenly, we were told that there was a change in plans.

They divided the 200 incoming student athletes, me included, into groups of about 25. Like cattle, my group was herded into a dark chamber lurking somewhere in Trexler Library. Right there, I could smell where this was going: divide and conquer, identify and chastise.

Divided by sport, such that my teammates and I were ostracized from the others, we were unnaturally reprimanded for events that have yet to happen (Several kids transferred on the mention of the several weeks to follow, and I could not help but to have respect for these independent, strong of will, who resisted this pressure for athletic social uniformity).

Within the first week as a college student, I was forced to embark on a seven-day camping trip to the dungeon of the third floor of Trexler Library, where the freshman class of the football team completed the "Yellow Dress pro-

SEE **RECRUIT** | PAGE 19

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

The College has received a record-breaking number of applications for next year's freshman class.
page 7

Inside

New Mr. Muhlenberg 2005 crowned. Marc Gollob wins the approval of judges and audiences alike.
page 9

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 19 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005

Student Council representatives elected

By Amanda Phillips and Michelle Sartor
EXECUTIVE EDITOR AND NEWS EDITOR

Student Body class and representative elections for the 2005-2006 school year yielded mostly unsurprising results. The elections were held this past Tuesday, April 5 in Seegers Union and the Life Sports Center.

Overall, the majority of the elections were uncontested; thus the winners were known well ahead of time. Nine of the newly elected Student Council officers ran unopposed

There were, however, several races for representatives and class officers in which the incumbents faced opponents (see Chart at end of article on page 6).

While most incumbents were reelected, there will certainly be changes in the face of Council over the course of the next year. Even those who have been on Council during the past year will be making changes to their positions and furthering the work they have already done while on Council.

"If reelected, I would continue my involvement in the development of the Watch Program and work to generate enough interest to have the program set up and running," stated Allison Huth, Class of 2007 Representative in her campaign platform.

Kate McLaughlin, Class of 2006 Representative focused on relationships in her campaign. She said, "I would like to push for the increased communication between the students and Council through initiating more communication between the clubs and Council so that representatives will have a better understanding of what the Student Body wants."

Even though Lisa Kowalski '06 is currently studying abroad, she still ran for Class of 2006 Representative and won. She said, "Having served on Student Council as a rep since freshman year, I have

SEE **COUNCIL** | PAGE 6

Five majors at the College revised

By Michelle Sartor
NEWS EDITOR

Changes have been made to five majors at the College. The Theatre, Computer Science, History, American Studies and Chemistry departments proposed revisions to their programs which were approved by the faculty on Mar. 18.

The changes were presented to the faculty by Dr. Paul Meier, Assistant Professor of Biology. Meier is the chair of the Curriculum Committee which gets proposals for changes from various academic departments.

After the Curriculum Committee reviews the proposal, it can send the proposal back for revisions. Once the committee is satisfied with the proposal, members vote to send it to the faculty as a whole.

Then the Committee Chair presents the proposal to the faculty and opens it up for discussion. The proposal is then discussed, voted on and approved or rejected. A simple majority is necessary for changes to be approved.

With the Theatre major, all majors will be required to take two core courses: Theatre and Society: An Historical Introduction and Stagecraft: Techniques and Aesthetics. The department is adding upper-level courses in the various concentrations and eliminating some

SEE **MAJORS** | PAGE 5

The mule head which had been stolen was found on the General Pete statue.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMIE ROSENBAUM

Mule head stolen, later found on front lawn

By Ben Veghte
MANAGING EDITOR

Although the annual Mr. Muhlenberg show went off without a hitch, there was one incident after the show that left the College temporarily without a mascot. Following the contest, the head of the Mule was stolen from. the swimming pool locker room in which it was being stored.

The winner of the contest, Marc Gollob '05, borrowed the suit to incorporate in his show for the audience. Following the show, he left it in a box in the swimming pool locker room.

According to Becky Grace, Director of Student Activities, Gollob had instructions to lock up the mule suit with the tuxedos in the locker room.

However, upon seeing the tuxedos laid out in the locker room unlocked, Gollob left the suit in a box with the tuxedos. The following morning, a housekeeper found the box with the suit in it minus the head.

The head remained missing for over a week until Monday when it was found in the quad. According to Grace, a Resident Adviser (RA) spotted the head atop of the General Pete statue on Monday. After identifying the mule head on the statue, the RA called Campus Safety.

Grace said it appears the mule head was placed on the statue in the early hours of Monday morning. She said if it had been put there earlier, it would have been damaged by the rain.

Had the mule head not been returned, the College would have been forced to replace the entire suit, since just the mule head is not available for purchase. Grace stated that it would have cost $1,100 to replace the suit.

According to Grace, the stealing of the mule head is seen as being nothing more than a practical joke. "I think whoever did it didn't intend to keep it," said Grace. "They did it as a prank."

Since the suit was returned unscathed Grace stated that there are no plans by the College to institute any sort of formal investigation into the matter. Grace stated that it would be a waste of time since "it would be too hard to figure out who did it."

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Executive Editor

Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

Finding Grace in 50 Days celebration

PERHAPS FULFILLING ONE OF THE MOST THANKLESS JOBS ON CAMPUS, Becky Grace, Director of Student Activities inhabits the lower corridor of Seegers Union. Quite frequently when students disapprove of a performance selection or policies regarding social events, Grace is given the blame. She and the administration at large are coined as complacent toward student concerns and negligent in creating a caring atmosphere for the Student Body. It has come to the attention of our Editorial Board that a bit of credit should be given to Grace on the contrary.

While seniors attending the 50 Days celebration rode on the bull and played pool between querying for drink specials, two additional non-seniors were present. Both Grace and Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students have attended the 100 Days and 50 Days celebrations, showing support and camaraderie toward seniors as they partake in some of their last celebratory events together.

What was most remarkable about their presence at Montana West this past Monday was not merely their attendance, but their visible concern for student life. When two students wished to leave the celebration early at 11:30 p.m. because of morning commitments, they were initially hindered by bus drivers who refused to return to campus with less than 20 students aboard. Before the students could even walk back inside, Grace was on her way to clarify the bus schedule with the drivers. Within minutes, Grace had the bus running. She remained near the scene until the students were sent safely home (with far less than 20 students aboard the obtuse yellow transport).

Grace was the first person to greet students upon arrival at Montana West at 9:30 p.m., and she was the last person to leave at the event's closing at 1:30 a.m. This dedication is astounding, and how much Grace cares about students is visible in instances like the scene at 50 Days. While it may at times appear that Grace and others at the College are neglecting student concerns, sometimes the reasons for policies we dislike are just not visible. While one incident does not define all intentions and interactions of Grace with students, this is an example of one of her many efforts that should be appreciated.

Clothes don't show yourself

To the Editor :

I recently read a letter two issues back in *The Weekly* about Ward Churchill and freedom of speech at Muhlenberg College. The article was interesting, entertaining and thought-provoking.

But I can't get over the part about the clothing. It says that most Muhlenberg students walking down academic row are wearing a variation of Abercrombie and Fitch clothing. I think this statement was absurd for three reasons.

First, I am just wondering how much clothing as a "form of personal expression" should be used to get an accurate portrayal of the diversity of views at Muhlenberg College or anywhere else. Maybe most people just agree that Abercrombie clothing is "sheek" looking. I can't speak for everybody, but I think it would be difficult for someone to determine that I am a radical Zionist pro-choice pro-gun Democrat from my New Balance Kicks, Mates of State T-shirt and GAP P-Coat.

Second, I don't know where this "90 percent of the Student Body wears A&E" idea comes from. No one is denying that there are a lot of spoiled rich snobs at the school, but isn't that 90 percent idea a little absurd? That would mean that on any given day, there are only 212 students that have any semblance of individuality at Muhlenberg?

Finally, if I may be a self-important-yet-introspective college brat for a moment, EVEN IF 90 PERCENT (or why not make it 100) of the College dressed the same, had the same hairdos, carried the same backpacks, wouldn't this just mean a greater focus on diversity and differences that matter; such as diversity of ideas, and cultures, and religious beliefs and philosophies. Isn't it slightly superficial to use fashion sense as an example of a lack of much needed diversity at Muhlenberg?

Freedom of speech and expression is one of the greatest freedoms we in America have. If the Muhlenberg Student Body, with its diversities in ideas, philosophies and sprituality, chooses to express these differences while dressed to look like a Banana Republic model, so be it.

--Mark Cantora
Class of '06

Letters to the Editor:

Underage rules are still a problem with senior festivities

To the Editor:

Last week I was surprised and disappointed to find that, once again, the invitations for a Muhlenberg senior class event excluded those seniors under the age of 21. *The Weekly* recently printed an article detailing all the trouble we "underage seniors" had to go through just to get into the 100 Days event, and in light of all this controversy it seemed as though this issue would be resolved for future senior class events, including last Monday's 50 Days event. After speaking with other "underage seniors," I learned that there were only three seniors (down from seven) under the age of 21 remaining in our class. Rumor had it that because there were less of us, there was less of a chance that our exclusion would lead to controversy--especially because the student whose father had called last time was no longer underage. Administrators claimed that the club at which the event was held would not allow underage students in, and that the cost of security would be too high. However, they claimed the same thing of the 100 Days location (that is, until a student's parent called), and we certainly did not need security officers last time—we merely walked around with large "X's" on our hands and a different colored wrist band. Furthermore, it seems odd that this particular club would not have negotiated on the matter, especially because they host many events that are 18 to enter/21 to drink, and must have the capacity to enforce such rules. This leads me to wonder if there was even any attempt to have underage students in attendance. I would understand if there had been some sort of violation or incident at the last senior event, but all underage seniors followed the rules and protocol. Even if it is for three people, it is still three people, and it certainly seemed as though not enough effort had been made to include all members of the senior class this time around. I suppose that organizers of the event would find ways to refute all of my arguments. If this is the case, I invite one of them to explain to me why they could not have chosen a location that would permit all members of the senior class to attend. Obviously, such places must exist if there was an exception last time. I can only hope that future events for our senior class, and for senior classes to come, will make more of an effort to actually fulfill the goal of these events—to be with our classmates and celebrate our accomplishments as a whole.

--Sveta Shah
Class of '05

Credit to a caring college

To the Editor:

As Health Care Service Coordinator at the Muscular Dystrophy Association of the Lehigh Valley (MDA), I have had the fortunate opportunity to work with many members of the Muhlenberg community through our MDA fundraising events and our summer camp for children with neuromuscular disease. I am writing this letter to commend both the faculty and students of Muhlenberg College for their consistent support of our programs both through volunteer work and fundraising.

In the past year Muhlenberg students have been a great help to the MDA. They have been able to raise $200 selling Shamrocks which will go directly for Spinal Muscular Atrophy research and volunteer 14 counselors for our summer camp. In addition, the MDA was fortunate to be a recipient of a $1,000 donation from the Dance for a Cure which will be used to buy arts and crafts supplies for our summer camp, bring in horses for the kids to ride and fund a performance by a local magician. Although I work with many colleges in the Lehigh Valley, this commitment and dedication by Muhlenberg students to serving the community far surpasses anything else I have seen, and I am grateful that the MDA has been able to be involved in all of your hard work.

I want to especially note the valuable work by members of the Community Service Office and organizations such as Alpha Phi Omega, Best Buddies, Cardinal Key, SEVEN and SHARE. Through my interactions with these campus groups, I have seen the fabulous environment that has been created at Muhlenberg, encouraging service work and an awareness of responsibility to the community. On behalf of myself and all MDA employees and clients, I want to sincerely thank you. Keep up the good work!

--Pam Kassis
Coordinator Muscular
Dystrophy Assoc.
Greater Lehigh Valley

G-Spot welcomes real world

Jason Klein
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Hundreds of Muhlenberg underclass-"persons" (who said I couldn't be P.C.?) are anxiously skipping over this column right now in order to read the "Campus Safety Notes" over lunch.

Eventually the senior class, all afflicted with hangovers still lingering from Monday night's 50 Days, will rise from their peaceful slumber (around noon) and possibly reflect on the impending mortality that is graduation.

Being a senior, so much as even mentioning "graduation" is one of the biggest faux pas you can make, trust me – I know from experience. While out with a group of friends, dropping the "G-bomb" can silence crowds in a way analogous only to the silence President Bush would create in a surprise visit to the French Parliament.

Speaking about the celebration in which students receive their diplomas makes the thought of such an event occurring...well, it makes us realize that it will occur. Our time here in the 'Berg Bubble is limited, and soon we will all be living in the "real world" – and despite what you may see on MTV, it does not involve moving in with seven strangers.

"...mentioning 'graduation is one of the biggest faux pas...While out with a group of friends, dropping the 'G-bomb can silence crowds..."

What is the "real world" anyway? The answer is simple – it is nothing more than a cult television show that always manages to lose challenges to "road rules" (authors note: the preceding sentence is a joke, it is not based on research, please refrain from sending me letters telling me about the "Inferno." I don't care).

Besides not sleeping until noon, living in a dorm, communal showers, going to classes, eating in a dining hall, drinking regularly, watching movies all night, having an R.A., obsessively checking away messages of people you haven't spoken to in years, playing Frisbee golf, random hookups (rumor has it that they do exist provided you are not Jason Klein) quiet hours, and knowing what diners and supermarkets are open 24/7 – how is the "real world" different than life in our beloved "'Berg Bubble"?

It does not have to be that different at all. The "real world" is what we as individuals make of it. We direct our lives, and we pick and choose the scenes and the supporting cast. The scary part is figuring out the storyline.

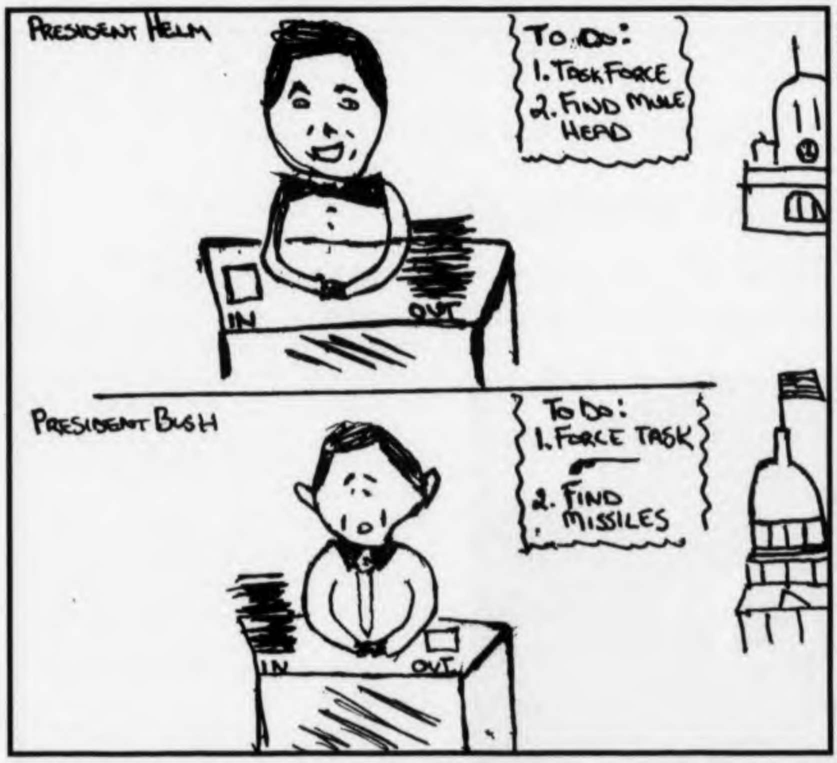
Lets face it, no one in history has ever come to college as a freshman and had the exact experience they imagined themselves having. Television and movies about college life misrepresent what it is actually like. I had no idea that there were classes and work! I thought it was all KY Wrestling, crazy partying, and lots of promiscuous sex. In a bitter display of irony, in my final semester I have yet to experience any of these things. However, that has not stopped me from loving my college experience. I wanted to make friends, get good grades, and have fun. I realized that if I wanted that to happen, I had to make it happen myself – even at a small school there was not anyone who was going to do it for me.

"We direct our lives, and we pick and choose the scenes and the supporting cast. The scary part is figuring out the story line."

Thinking back now, I realize that the fears that we all have going into college are exactly like the ones we have when we think about leaving. Life is what you make of it, and the real world is the world you make for yourself. MTV makes their version of the real world, and each of us makes our own. We are our own directors, we decide where we go and who to include in our lives.

Living in the 'Berg Bubble and being exposed to this type of tight-knit community has definitely given us a competitive advantage. They say the friends that you meet in college are your "forever friends".

I say that even though I may not be moving into a house with them, the friends that I have made here, are the people who will always be an essential part of my "real world".



SIMILAR TITLES, DIFFERENT AGENDAS.

CARTOON BY KATE ARNEY-CIMINO

~Write for Op/Ed~

SILENCE IS THE PROBLEM!

CONTACT
KATE ARNEY-CIMINO
KATEARNEYCIMINO@HOTMAIL.COM
OR
TIFFANY KIRK
KIRK2837@MUHLENBERG.EDU

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Executive Editor
Ben Veghte, Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
Kate Arney-Cimino, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
OPEN, Focus Editor
OPEN, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Johnny Canneto, Business Managers
Robin DeCicco, Asst. News Editor
Tiffany Kirk, Asst. OP/ED Editor
Jackie Starner, Sarah Smith, Dan McClung, Asst. Life! Editors
Tara DeMarzo, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Catherine Zell, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Amy Cookson, Copy Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Writer Manager
John Dunphy, Design Consultant
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:

Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.

Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2005. All rights reserved.

Yellow journalism makes viewers green

John Dunphy
Design Consultant

I'll be the first to admit that I am not the most news-oriented person. After classes and in the morning when I wake up, I am much more willing to turn to the likes of Cartoon Network and Comedy Central or just pop in a movie and veg out. Usually, I turn these mind-numbing channels on out of sheer habit, but over Spring Break, I turned to them out of necessity. Those were two of the only channels without a trace of Michael Jackson or Terry Schiavo.

Quite frankly, modern journalism sickens me. It has become an endeavor to find news that is unbiased and truthful. What is the point of being a worldly, knowledgeable person if your sources are false?

Several different TV stations can show several different news stories on the same event and have several different numbers on the same polls.

And if we can't turn to the news stations for the news, then where are we to go? The Internet? Absolutely not. The Internet is free space that is for the most part unrestricted. Anyone with a few bucks and a slight comprehension of html can say anything he or she wants, lists facts that don't exist and make up polls that were never asked. We can't trust the Internet.

Even newspapers are becoming less and less reliable. Countless reports of journalists accepting bribes or plagiarizing other people's work has made the written word nowhere near as dependable as it was. Even without the blatant abuse of power in writing articles, the nature of the paper itself has it's ties in the need to distribute. A newspaper receives it's funding from advertisers. The more people that read the paper, the more that company can charge the people advertising in its pages. This sparks a need to distribute which in turn makes it essential to seduce people into reading. Flashy headlines and heart wrenching pictures aid in this endeavor.

Bouncing off of that for a moment, last week I went to the Student Union to pick up a copy of the *Morning Call* and was greeted by the picture of a comatose Terry Schiavo on the cover. Not one of the woman she was or of her enjoying life because that of course, would not sell.

Terry's story is regrettable, but this is not the first time this has happened. Every day in hospitals across the nation, families are forced to make the same decisions. Everyday, people in a coma die due to the removal of life support devices. Just because her family had the money to pursue legal action as far is it went means that now people listen to this. Instead of forming rallies around the White House and mourning a woman they never met, did it ever cross the thousand of protestors mind's to go to their local hospitals and try to take action there? It is instances like these that make it incredibly easy to spot those who are truly affected and those who just sit in front of a televison waiting for the next cause to protest.

> *"Did any of the people who screamed vehemently at local officials to do something ever think of donating money to a family that can t pay for life support?"*

Did any of the people who screamed vehemently at local officials to do something ever think of donating money to a family that can't pay for life support? As I said, Schiavo's death is sad, but so are the deaths and murders of all the other people in the country that go on each day and barely get a blurb in the highlights section of an anchor's last two minutes on air.

The other scenario that dominated, and is still being covered ruthlessly by the media is the case of the sexual harassment charge of Michael Jackson. Why do we care? I'm not even going to begin to get into whether or not a mother should let their son have a sleepover with a celebrity that has already had a sexual harassment charge against them, but why should the people of the world care. I hate to sound like a broken record, but millions of people have had a traumatic experience in their lives regarding sexual harassment. This is not new, and it is not news.

Hundreds of cameras wait diligently each day before the trial to see what Michael was wearing that day. On MSN, all they could talk about for hours was the fact that he wore pajama bottoms to court. Is it all just a publicity stunt for Michael to get back on people's minds? Maybe. Should we care? No.

Everyone wants to have the appearance of caring. To not care is a social flaw. However, all of the people that bought newspapers to keep up to date with the drama of the world as opposed to the actual happenings are nothing more than puppets who are not helping anyone but the media industries. If you think that knowing about what Michael was wearing or whether or not Terry's ex-husband's kids are good in school, then you are merely creating a delusion for yourself so that you can impress your friends with your sincerity.

Volunteer at your hospitals. Raise money for people who can't pay their hospital bills. The kid that Jackson is being accused of "touching," has diabetes. This harassment charge is the short run, but sooner or later the kid will have far worse problems than some painted up celebrity. Join a charity to help cure the diseases that are plaguing people's lives. Screaming and holding a banner will only get you so far. Take a stance. Have a living will, don't let your kids sleep over at the houses of people who own the Elephant Man's bones, and stop letting the news tell you what to think.

Lehigh University's Tresolini Lecture Series Presents:

JESSE JACKSON, JR.

Congressman from Illinois' 2nd District, attorney, and leading advocate for electoral reform

8 p.m. Monday, April 11th
Packard Auditorium

A long-standing proponent of electoral engagement and reform, Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. will bring his impassioned campaign to Lehigh University, where he will make the case for strengthening and standardizing the country's voting procedures. Only the 91st African-American ever elected to Congress, Jackson has exhibited strong leadership that is evident in his work on civil rights legislation, minority health issues and voter education programs.

Open to the public, free of charge No tickets required
For more information, call 610-758-3339.

Dean of Wescoe School resigns

By Amy Steinbauer
Weekly News Writer

This coming Aug. 1, Jim Brennen, Dean of the Wescoe School will be stepping down from his position and moving on to other endeavors.

According to Dr. Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College, he is leaving some pretty big shoes to fill, stressing the importance of the job of Dean of the Wescoe School.

Hass said, "The Wescoe School provides a tremendous opportunity for accomplishment to the Allentown community. Especially to those who may have not had the opportunity to complete college after high school, the Wescoe School provides them with a way for them to get education with their other responsibilities."

Hass emphasized the importance of the College's relations with the community of Allentown as a whole. The College tends to work with businesses in the area that may be sponsoring one of their employees at the College.

Not only does the Dean hold responsibilities of facilitating relations between the College and the day students, but he or she is also responsible for the summer study program that the College offers during the summer period. Hass said that Brennen "has done a lot to make that [summer study] a better and smoother process for students."

The search for a new Dean will be wide and thorough. Hass will be working with Randy Helm, President of the College, to find a new Dean. Hass will be chairing a search committee that will include members of both faculty and staff whom may be affected by the decision.

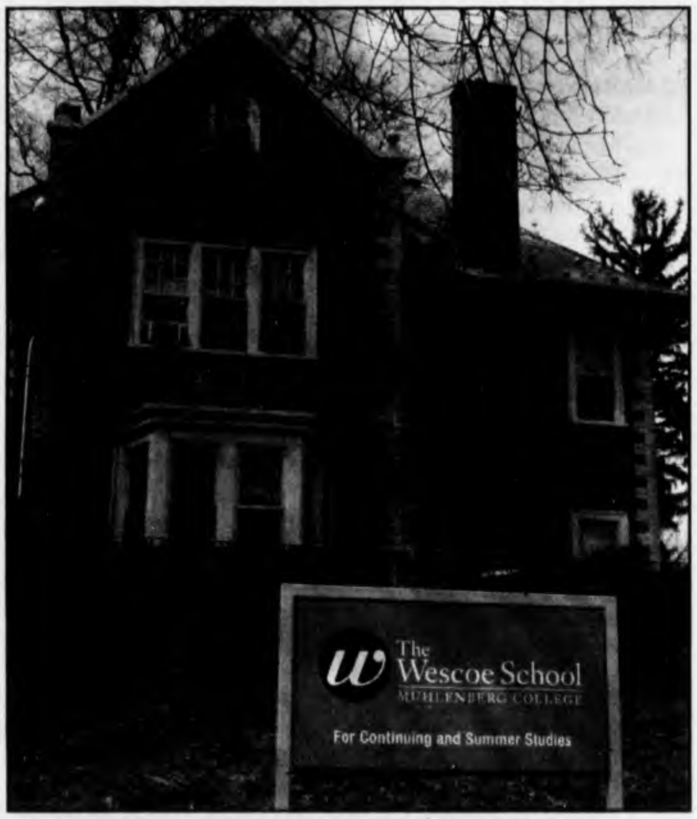
According to Hass, the decision will be assisted by, "informal advice from Wescoe alumni, professors who teach at Wescoe and our own alumni who may have opinions in the matter." However, the first step is to simply compose a job description and post it in several appropriate resources.

At this time there are no considerations for the position, however, Hass said that there "may be internal candidates, and we welcome that, but I think that it is important to the College to do a broad search."

When asked what some of the qualifications were for the position Hass said, "It is important for a person to have real expertise in adult education. They have to be able to work extremely well and effectively with the community and staff."

However, the thing Hass emphasized as most important was for the candidate to "be excited to be in the Muhlenberg Community. We value a positive sense of community, we want someone who really wants to be at Muhlenberg."

The College hopes to have a new Dean by the end of the summer so that the College will be able to progress smoothly into a new transition. However, this is one community that will surely be at a loss in August when Brennen steps down.



Jim Brennen has resigned as Dean of the Wescoe School which will go into effect on Aug. 1.

Photo by Rob Kandel

According to Hass, Brennen's presence will be greatly missed. She said, "We will miss him at Muhlenberg. He has been a tremendous colleague, he is very thoughtful and energetic in his position."

MAJORS

FROM PAGE 1

of the current courses in order to make the new ones possible.

According to Charles Richter, Professor and Head of Theatre and Dance, the field has changed and the current curriculum is based on an older model. Since the department replaced two courses with a choice of eight different ones for students, Richter said students will have more flexibility and control over their education.

Another aspect of the changes is that more cognate courses will be offered in areas such as English, Foreign Language, Religion and Philosophy. Richter said, "We're very committed to the liberal arts structure."

In addition to adding more courses, the department is adding a Performance Studies concentration that Richter said offers a more scholarly approach to theatre and dance. All the changes will take effect during the Fall 2005 semester.

The Computer Science department is removing one required course and replacing it with another. A required capstone course is also being added, the Computer Science Seminar. Therefore, the Computer Science major will have a total of 13 required courses instead of the current 12.

The department is also changing its requirements for honors in Computer Science. To graduate with honors, students will be required to complete a significant research project in addition to having a 3.5 GPA in the major and a 3.3 overall GPA.

Dr. David Nelson, Associate Professor and Department Head of Mathematical Sciences, said, "Computer Science is such a rapidly developing field. We need to change the major with it." The replacement course will be offered in the Fall 2005 semester, and the seminar will be offered starting in the Fall 2006 semester.

> *"I think that was the most proposals I've seen at one time."*
>
> Paul Meier,
> Assistant Professor of Biology,
> Chair of Curriculum Committee

Meier said the changes to the computer science major generated the most discussion because there was concern that students would not be able to take enough classes outside of the sciences.

The History department is removing a course and adding four new courses. The department is also changing its two seminar classes. Instead of having two separate seminars that can be taken independently, the new seminars will be linked and taught by the same instructor in consecutive semesters. The same students will be in both seminars as well.

Dr. John Malsberger, Professor and Head of History, said the order of the seminars will also be reversed so that students will do a semester of reading followed by a semester of research.

He explained that the reading seminar will focus in depth on a particular topic. He said, "When students get to the research component, they'll have some greater familiarity of the topic and a common core of knowledge for valuable criticism."

Although the seminars need to be taken in consecutive semesters, Malsberger said there will be two cycles so students who study abroad or participate in student teaching can be accommodated. Therefore, some seminars will begin in the spring and end in the fall. According to Malsberger, the new seminars will begin in the Fall 2007 semester.

The American Studies program will reinstate Introduction to American Studies as a course and requirement for the major. Although the total number of required courses for majors will remain at 11, the distribution will be slightly different. There will be five core courses instead of four and five electives instead of six.

The Chemistry department tried to have changes to their program made previously, but those changes were not approved. According to Meier, the problem last time was that the department proposed two tracks. One track required 12 courses while the other required 14. Meier said this difference in course numbers caused "philosophical difficulties for the faculty."

The changes proposed this time built greater flexibility into a single track major. Meier said that it was the most controversial proposal of the five.

Included in the changes is the removal of certain courses, the creation of a set of 1/2 course unit advanced courses and making physics an elective for the major and minor.

Meier said this last faculty meeting was successful because everything proposed was approved. He said, "I think that was the most proposals I've seen at one time."

According to Meier, the reason for the unusually high number of curriculum change proposals is the change in a number of department heads. Meier said, "The new department heads who proposed changes want to tweak the requirements a little bit."

Council Corner

***Allocations:**

- $313 to SHARE for Big for a Day
- $93 to SHARE for Senior Citizens Soiree
- $450 to Arts Week

***Committees:**

- Technology
  - AIM is now working
- Tsunami Relief
  - $1100.00 will be donated to the Wave of Giving.
- Henry Award
  - Nominations are on the Start Page.
- Campus Safety
  - The campus watch is in the works.
- CCA
  - A block party and council catering is in the works.
- Student Initiative
  - There is a copy of the survey being put together as well as a plan to integrate new people into the committee.

***Classes:**

- The senior class reported that 50 days was on April 4 at Montana West.
- The Junior class reported that Mr. Muhlenberg went well.
- The Sophomore class had nothing to report.
- The Freshmen class reported that they are planning a spring fling and they will be selling shirts for all years this week.

***Announcements:**

- Victor's Lament will be painted before graduation.
- Red Zone resolution will be discussed with the head of Greek life.

–Jeff Kraft
Class of 2005 Student Body Representative

To write for
The
Muhlenberg Weekly
News Section Contact:
Robin
Ext. 5496

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rain Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 37	High: 55 Low: 36	High:57 Low: 41

COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

found this experience to be one of the most rewarding both personally and for the Student Body. Being abroad this semester has actually made me realize what a unique and incredible place Muhlenberg is."

Jared Fine '06, Student Body President, is excited about the newly elected officers. He said, "The group we have looks like they're really good. I'm looking forward to working with them next year."

Seniors who are currently part of Student Council think the elections this year went well. Rachel Kleiner, 2005 Class Representative, said, "I think that getting new people involved is really exciting whether they are elected or not elected, but I also think it's nice to have a base of people on Council who are experienced."

There were 519 votes cast in this year's Student Council election. Although this is a relatively large turnout, it only represents about one-fourth of the entire Student Body.

According to Fine, the turnout in the election was good for this year. He said, "We've done better in the past, but it's nothing to be ashamed of."

Student Council Election Results

Position	Elected Candidates
2006 President	Allison Colino**
2006 Vice President	VACANT
2006 Secretary	Drew Stocker**
2006 Treasurer	Mike Menna**
2006 Representatives	Brendan Haney, Lisa Kowalski, Neil Freedman, Dee Ross, Kate McLaughlin, Audra Levey, Andrew Kalish
2007 President	Sarah Efronson
2007 Vice President	J. Trevor Wade**
2007 Secretary	Emily Aquilaz**
2007 Treasurer	Reena Rosenthal**
2007 Representatives	Rebecca Goslin, Allison Huth, Matt Loesch, John Jannuzzi, Rachel Rosenberg, Kristen Brophy, Kim Nguyen
2008 President	Scott Gordon**
2008 Vice President	Brian Galgano**
2008 Secretary	Jenn Weaver**
2008 Treasurer	Elisa Zaehringer
2008 Representatives	Chandra Gossai, Lisa Harrison, Blaine McFeeley, Matt Rosenberg, Greg Rose, Matt Sones, Michelle Yost

** Denotes uncontested election

OFF CAMPUS

BOY WHO SHOT HIS MOTHER TO MOVE TO GROUP HOME

Easton, Pa – A Lower Saucon Township teenager who fatally shot his mother when he was 12 will be leaving his juvenile treatment facility and will move into a group home.

On October 7, 2002, Joshua Geier shot and killed his mom with a rifle while she was talking on the telephone.

Geier continues to claim that the shooting was an accident, however prosecutors charged him with criminal homicide as a juvenile.

Because the prosecutors could not prove intent, Geier was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to spend six months to four years in a juvenile treatment center.

Geier's upcoming move will be to a group home run by the Community Service Foundation of Bucks County.

Under the Judge's ruling, the home will allow him to visit with his father and extended family more regularly.

It has not been determined which of the 12 homes Geier will move to in Bucks County.

LOAN APPROVED FOR ALLENTOWN BREW WORKS

Allentown, Pa – Allentown has been approved for a $3.4 million loan by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The loan will help the owners of Bethlehem Brew Works complete work on a location on Hamilton Street.

The program allows cities to receive funds through future federal Community Development Block Grant proceeds in order to guarantee federal loans to private developers who are engaging in economic development.

In addition, the Fegley family, which runs the Bethlehem Brew Works, has also been given a $1.8 million loan by the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corp., to help fund the project.

When the loans are officially finalized and the Fegleys receive the money it will take approximately nine months to complete construction and open the restaurant in the 800 block of Hamilton Street.

The city will administer the federal loan, charging 1 percent interest above the federal Treasury bill rates.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

Record-breaking applicant pool for Class of 2009

By Jeremy Duncan
Weekly News Writer

This year, the College set a new record of 4,205 applicants for the incoming class of 2009. Last year, there were 4,020 applicants, so, according to Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission & Financial Aid Admission, there has been a 4.6 percent increase.

Even though high school students do not have to respond until May, there have already been 316 deposits this year, compared to 277 this time last year. Many of those students, 306 to be precise, are early decision candidates. This year there were 449 early decision applications, as opposed to 370 a year ago.

This increase in applicants parallels the desire of admissions to have a larger freshmen class than the class of 2008, due to the fact that the graduating class of 2005 is quite large itself.

The College wants "to maintain a stable environment," said Hooker-Haring. Not only is the quantity of applicants higher this year, but the quality of the candidates has also risen.

For example, the mean SAT score for this year's early decision students is 1220 combined, the first year that number has been over 1200.

Last year's total of regular admission and early decision students was 1220, and Hooker-Haring says that the likelihood is high that the incoming class as a whole may have a combined SAT score of 1230.

Of course, the SAT is not the only way of noting the increased academic quality of incoming freshmen at the College.

Though it is too early to say for certain right now, Hooker-Haring say the students in the top 10 percent of their high school class may account for over 40 percent of the College's class of 2009, compared to 39 percent two years ago.

Class rank and SAT score provide two good examples of the "fairly steady progress" that is making the College a more competitive college in the nation.

At the same time, there is a push to make the campus more diverse, both ethnically and geographically. "Real efforts" to accomplish this goal include working with groups like the TEAK Foundation to get "talented, multicultural students to put Muhlenberg on their radar screens."

In addition, there is a growing relationship with the Inter-Ed Company, which gives international students the opportunity to attend American colleges. The hope is to begin to have "a small international community" on campus.

The increased interest in the College mirrors a national trend. According to Hooker-Haring, the 18-year-old population in the country is growing and will continue to do so until 2008.

Though this increase does not guarantee that all colleges will grow in size, some probably will, while others shrink, and others remain stable, there is a larger raw number of students from which colleges can draw.

Another trend that is evident on this campus is the ratio of men to women. The gender imbalance at liberal arts colleges is a big topic nationwide. Nationally, the 18-year-old college-going population is 56 percent female.

The College is 40 percent male and 60 percent female. Several factors work against having a more balanced campus. The first is that the one area of academia that is male-dominated is engineering, which the College does not offer as a 4-year program.

Moreover, young men, according to Hooker-Haring, tend to prefer larger and more urban schools, as well as NCAA division I schools, even if they are non-athletes.

However, the students accepted this year under early decision were 43 percent men and 57 percent women, but it remains to be seen if this increase in the percentage of male students will continue when the entire class decides whether or not to attend the College in May.

After the acceptance letters, which were just mailed, the College sends out follow-up correspondences, like housing information, the annual report and the college catalogue.

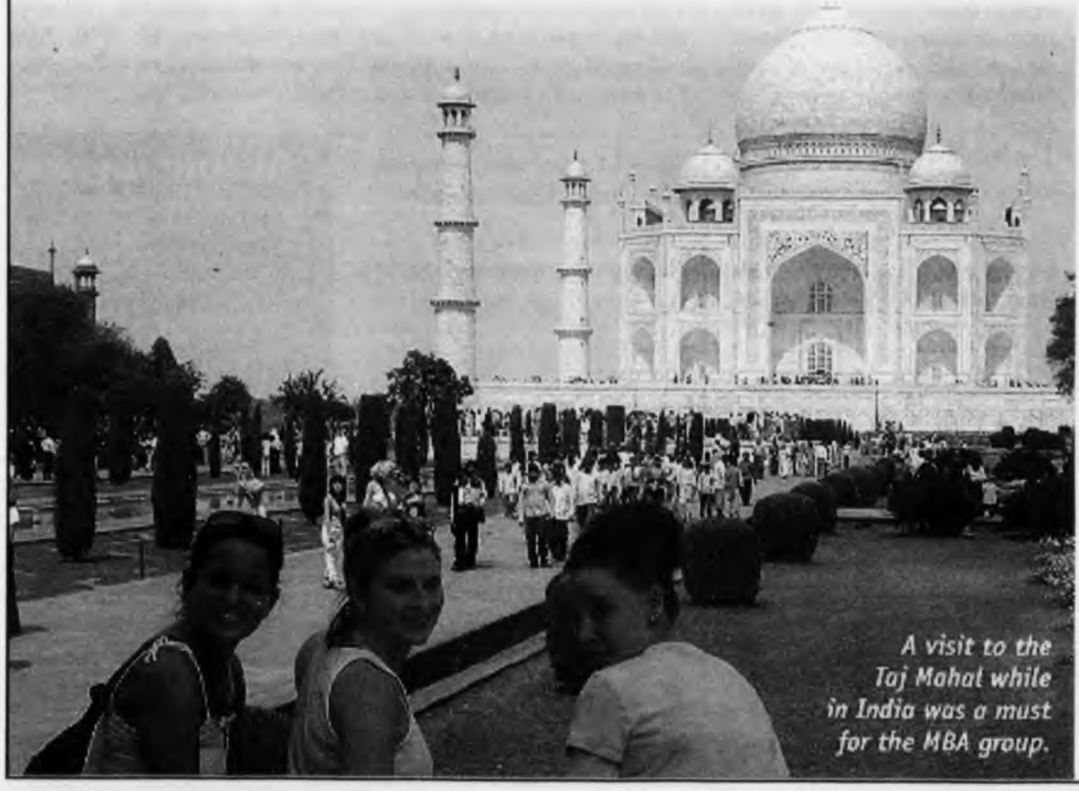
The idea is to help these students learn more about the College. Another process is to give the names of those who were accepted and gave an intended major to the head of those particular departments, so that faculty member can provide information and establish a personal relationship.

Hooker-Haring said that students and graduates should remain interested in admissions in the years to come. As the College becomes more selective, and its importance and reputation grows, the value of a Muhlenberg degree also grows.

Moreover, Hooker-Haring expressed his wish that this sense of community, of "the relationships that are huge part of the Muhlenberg experience, don't just evaporate because a student is not physically here anymore."

He said that hopefully, students will want future classes to experience what was important to them over their four years here and remain an active member of the community even after Commencement.

A Philadelphia University MBA — your ticket to the world.



A visit to the Taj Mahal while in India was a must for the MBA group.

Students from around the country are pursuing their MBA at Philadelphia University. How about you? Apply now to the One-Year Day MBA Program. Call 215.951.2943 or visit us at www.PhilaU.edu/graduate

*"I just come back from the most amazing business trip to India with my MBA class.**

Classroom theory came to life for me as I got to experience the culture of one of the world's most dynamic marketplaces. I wouldn't have missed this for the world."

JENNIFER RICHARDS *(pictured far left)*
MBA, PHILADELPHIA UNIVERSITY '05, BS, SUNY-BROCKPORT '04

**An international business trip is part of the curriculum for each MBA student. Previous destinations have included Shanghai, Milan, Prague, Warsaw and the Czech Republic.*

PHILADELPHIA
UNIVERSITY

School House Lane & Henry Avenue • Philadelphia. PA 19144-5497
215.951.2700 • www.PhilaU.edu

Alcohol Task Force to implement plans

By Chris Morse
Weekly News Writer

Last winter, during Randy Helm's, President of the College, first year as president, he encountered an issue that is not uncommon to college campuses across the country.

"We were deeply concerned about the number of students who had been taken to the hospital from drinking, so much so that their lives were actually in jeopardy," Helm recalled.

While the College is not ranked nationally as a party school, Helm felt that a proactive and communal effort should be made to investigate and understand the current situation. He therefore created the Presidential Task Force on Alcohol Abuse.

Co-chaired by Dr. Hemchand Gossai, Associate Professor of Religion and Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services the Task Force consisted of an eclectic make up of faculty, students, trustees, alumni, parents and staff in order to receive a wide variety of opinions and viewpoints.

"We needed to study this as a community issue so we can respond as a community to it," Helm explained.

The Task Force researched and discussed their findings throughout last summer and into the fall, working to assess the culture and climate of alcohol use at the College.

> *"We want to see a culture change where alcohol can be enjoyed responsibly by those who wish to enjoy it, but where people have a deeper understanding of the risks that go with it."*
>
> Randy Helm,
> President of the College

Their final proposal that was presented to Helm included 15 findings about the culture of alcohol on campus and 23 recommendations to curtail alcohol abuse.

Some of these recommendations included hiring another Alcohol educator, a continued focus on alcohol education programs, creating more alcohol-free on-campus activities, having student-planned events off campus use a private taxi-service to shuttle students back to campus and making an effort to have RAs be mentors rather than an appendage of security.

Helm spent several hours with other leaders of the college extensively discussing the recommendations presented to him.

The group worked to decide whether or not the observations by the Task Force were accurate, and if they were, what could be done to remedy the situation, with consideration to the recommendations by the Task Force.

They also decided how to change the misconceptions that exist about the College if they felt some of the findings were inaccurate.

Helm will soon be releasing a response to the report by the Task Force that will detail the administration's take on the situation, and what actions will be taken.

In the meantime, however, some actions to improve alcohol education have already been instituted, such as the alcohol.edu program associated with the Fitness and Wellness class.

When asked whether the Task Force focuses more on clamping down on all underage drinking or the more destructive but less frequent binge drinking, Helm firmly pointed to the latter as the most important.

"This is not a group that came back and called for prohibition," Helm explained. "We couldn't stop it if we wanted to, but we can teach people how to be responsible."

Helm concluded, "We want to see a culture change where alcohol can be enjoyed responsibly by those who wish to enjoy it, but where people have a deeper understanding of the risks that go with it."

Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 24 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2442 Tilghman St. due to cooking.

Mar. 24 – Suspicious Person – A person was viewing inappropriate material on a computer on the A level of the Trexler Library.

Mar. 24 – Fraud – A student reportedly forged a professor's signature.

Mar. 24 – Theft – A Sodexho employee reported that his cell phone was taken from Seegers Union while he was on the job.

Mar. 29 – Institutional Vandalism – A vehicle was parked in the mud on the grass all day long near the Martin Luther Hall parking lot. Campus Safety was unable to contact the owner of the vehicle.

Mar. 29 – Theft – A student reported that someone returned his ATM card but before returning it to him the individual withdrew $100.00.

Mar. 30 – Strong Arm Robbery – A student was mugged at Hary's Bar at 1444 Hamilton St. The victim was punched, and his wallet and phone were taken. The two suspects are males between the ages of 23 and 29. One suspect was black and wearing a black sweatshirt and sweatpants. The other suspect was white and was wearing a white T-shirt and khaki pants. He had a tribal tattoo on his right arm.

Mar. 30 – Vehicle Violation – A first-year student had a car parked without authorization in the Seegers Union parking lot. The student was referred to the judicial process.

Mar. 30 – Vehicle Violation – A student vehicle was illegally parked in a handicap spot for the Trexler Pavilion. The vehicle was towed, and the student has an outstanding balance of $3,205 and is in the process of setting up a payment plan.

Mar. 30 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in the Plant Operations Building. Campus Safety believes the cause was dust.

Mar. 30 – Hit and Run – A student vehicle parked in the Benfer Hall parking lot was hit. The other vehicle could have been reddish in color.

Mar. 30 – Theft from Building – The Mule head from the mascot suit was taken from the Life Sports Center.

Mar. 31 – Theft from Motor Vehicle – Three students were involved in taking items from a vehicle parked in the Martin Luther parking lot. Two of the students who were caught entering the vehicle and taking items were referred to the judicial process.

Mar. 31 – Vandalism to Vehicle – One of the students involved in the theft from a motor vehicle urinated on the windshield and front of a car parked in the Martin Luther parking lot. The student was referred to the judicial process.

Mar. 31 – Social Code Violation – A Beirut table was found in the basement of the Alpha Epsilon Pi house. A number of smashed beer and whiskey bottles were also found in the rear of the house.

Apr. 2 – Intoxicated Persons – Three female students were sick from alcohol in Prosser Hall and all received citations. The students are Allison Fales '08, Clara Sun '08 and Rachel Brodsky '08.

Apr. 3 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at the Keck House due to food on the stove.

Apr. 4 – Suspicious Activity – A student was shot at four times with a paint gun in the area of 25th and Liberty St. The student was struck once in the forehead. The suspects are three or four males in a dark colored vehicle. One of the men was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt.

Apr. 4 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A housekeeper's vehicle was found with a punctured tire. It appears that someone jabbed or cut the tire.

Apr. 4 – Injured Visitor – The young son of a Vice President was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Apr. 5 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A student reported that the rearview mirror was knocked off her car near the Delta Zeta house. It appeared to be kicked off the vehicle.

Apr. 5 – Vandalism to Vehicle – The rearview mirror of a student vehicle parked near the Phi Mu house was kicked off a student's vehicle.

Would you stop to give someone directions?

If you were walking that way,would you guide them?

What if it was out of your way?

Two miles.
Two thousand miles.

Would you travel that far to teach someone?
To learn something yourself?

Come to an information session to learn about the Peace Corps.

Peace Corps.
Life is calling.
How far will you go?
800.424.8580
peacecorps.gov

Muhlenberg College

Wednesday
April 13

5:00 pm

Information Session

Moyer 104

For information, contact [illegible]

WEEKLY
life!

"Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

- Unknown

Mr. Muhlenberg '05: Marc Gollob climbs his way to the title and throne

By Jackie Starner
Asst. Life! Editor

Although Marc Gollob '05 won the title of Mr. Muhlenberg over two weeks ago, the feat of this little guy with his "adorably, petite..." over his larger competitors remains in the minds and hearts of the Student Body.

All throughout the competition Gollob utilized his small size. For swimwear, he was the only competitor able to fit into a bikini. For his talent he performed an incredible combination on the human parallel bars.

First, Gollob, dressed like Mr. Peepers from SNL, was carried onto the stage by one of his assistants in a camping backpack. Then, Gollob proceeded to climb onto his second assistant and maneuver around his body without ever touching the ground. The finale came when the assistants grabbed each others' forearms to create parallel bars on which Gollob balanced and flipped.

Gollob did receive stiff competition in the talent department from Dan Papperman '07 who dressed in a convincing mermaid costume complete with coconut bra and sung his rendition of the Little Mermaid's "Part of that World." His version reflected on his experience at Muhlenberg entitled, "I want to be Where the Mules Are."

RJ Caras '05 amazes the audience with his ability to imitate Jesus and walk on water, and as host John Voigt '05 put it, "He's going straight to hell."

Photo by Amanda Caringi

Perhaps the part of the song that rung true to most of the College's students was his line, "With my parents' money, I'll go far."

Another crowd favorite, especially among the ladies, was John Kirby '06, who sang "Wonderwall" by Oasis with the accompaniment of his little brother Joe. Kirby's family attended the event that night, and he seemed a bit embarrassed when host, Jon Voigt '05, reminded Kirby of the answer he had given for his secret talent: being able to hit a home run with his hands tied behind his back.

Two of the contestants, John Jannuzzi '07 and Jared Marlatt '08, made videos for the talent competition. Marlatt, the baby of the competition, lip synched to Bloodhound Gang's "Bad Touch" with a posse of girls dancing behind him and his video playing in the background. His video pretty much consisted of him slapping any butt with which he came in contact. Jannuzzi had a more polished video presentation in which he imitated the show "Made" on MTV. With the help of fitness, life and style coaches Dyshaun Burton '06 and Mike Strauss '05, 2004 Mr. Muhlenberg winners, Jannuzzi prepared to compete in the Mr. Muhlenberg Contest.

The contest opened with a video in which Jared Fine, Student Body President, captured the candidates and whipped them into shape. As each candidate stood with a paint can suspended from his genitals, each flashbacked to how he was captured by one of his fellow contestants and stuffed into a minivan with Fine at the wheel.

All of the Mr. Muhlenberg contestants: John Jannuzzi '07, RJ Caras '05, Marc Gollob '05, Jason Bonder '07, Jared Marlatt '08, John Kirby '06, Nick Richardson '05 and Dan Papperman '07; were perfectly willing to make fools of themselves in their pursuit of the title. Perhaps none were as willing to expose themselves as Richardson, who ripped off his more conservative swimming trucks to reveal that he had put his post-soccer-playing body into a tiny black speedo.

In addition to Gollob, the other winners of the night were RJ Caras '05 who was the runner-up and Jason Bonder '07 who was the second runner-up.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR THE #1 SPOT IN THE HOUSING LOTTERY?

"Nothing. I already have a house on Leh Street."

-Jack Shulman '06

"I'll pay $37,000 dollars a year for number one."

-Kim David '07

"I'll streak across campus."

-Chris Brauner '08

"I'm transferring, so anywhere is better than here."

-Rachel Warren '07

"I would run through campus in a tutu."

-Dana Lynn Bielecki '08

Make Some Noise, in Bed

By Christina Liciaga
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

If nothing else, college is an opportunity to find your voice--to discover what motivates you, enrages you or pleases you--and then to learn how to best broadcast your new voice via debate, discourse or essays. Fortunately, your sexual voice follows the same model.

As a complement to orgasm, sexual vocalization is just like screaming on a roller-coaster, it adds excitement and enhances the experience. According to Dr. Barbara Keesling, sexual therapist and author of *Super Sexual Orgasm*, an orgasm is an "intense, concentrated release of energy" made most complete by the inclusion of vocalization. So, if your sexual experiences are plagued by deep breaths and a bit lip, chances are you haven't allowed the full range of sounds and sensations within you to truly discover complete sexual satisfaction. Instead, embrace the moaning, groaning, panting, screaming, cursing, laughing, guffawing and grunting of sex.

I understand the hesitation: the thought of roommates, parents and President Helm hearing your fully comfortable and confident sex voice is disquieting. Katie Giblin, a fellow sex columnist at Harvard, recently noted the difficulty of finding a private space to make "a whole lot of conspicuous noise"; a sock on the doorknob doesn't muzzle your moans, and immediately makes a private affair public. In addition, according to my DANA seminar, Bodies in Heat, noise is a euphemism for chaos. It is therefore something we are conditioned to avoid in already "chaotic" or "disordered" situations, i.e. sex. After all, why complicate an already muddled experience? Right?

Wrong. Leading stress specialist, Dr. David Lewis thinks sexual sounds are the perfect way to allow yourself to become more turned on as "a long, loud, uninhibited howl is an effective way to reduce tensions and make people more passionate lovers" (sexualhealth.com). So if you're neck deep in the stressful realities of the newly arriving "real world" (especially post-50 days for seniors), allowing yourself a vocal release will not only ease your hesitations but build a foundation for becoming a better lover.

IN THE
NUDE

In fact, any exercises that break your sound barrier--by which I mean your comfort with noise during sex--will positively affect your sex life. If you're uncomfortable yelling it on the mountain, try finding your voice through different exercises: you can read a book aloud in different tones, and add in grunts, giggles or screams; or you and your partner can alternate feeding each other different foods with various parts of your body, immediately expressing the sensation via words or sounds. Once you've found your voice, try to use it during foreplay. Compliment your partner by describing his or her individual body parts and explaining your attraction to them and re-enforce well-performed actions.

After all, knowing you're pushing all the right buttons helps boost sexual confidence. Once you're comfortable talking about bodies and actions, try to communicate what you want during sex. Tell you partner where to place his/her hands, tongue and legs and the force with which you want to be touched. Ask for things to be repeated, slowed down or quickened, and keep your partner informed as to how you're feeling. You'll be surprised how quickly instructions turn into passionate, fantastical rhetoric or just plain screams. If my lady readership is still nervous about breaking your sound barriers, consider this:

According to Cosmos' "V-Zone, A Guide to Your Most Private Body Part," secret number 12 of 25 (hidden in between vagina's needing air and getting itchy), is the reality that vagina's "make noise during nooky" (their words, not mine). But it's true. Not that we needed a doctor to verify, but Dr. Susan Kellogg, the director of sexual medicine at the Pelvic and Sexual Health Institute of Philadelphia, says that "As a guy thrusts all the way in and then all the way out, air can become trapped in the vagina. When the air finally escapes, it sounds like a fart." It's that awkward sound that sings out of your vagina while you bite your lip and twist your hips in excitement. So if you're vagina can make noise why not take a deep breath and let out something audible as well?

The Joys of Coffee: SW Blends

By Sarah Smith
ASSI. LIFE! EDITOR

SW Blends, situated at 4128 W. Tilghman St. at the former Village Inn location in Allentown, proclaims that it is "bringing the coffee shop experience to the Lehigh Valley." It sat in between a realtor business and a dentist's office and appeared to be quite cheery on the outside. However, perhaps some of this sense of professionalism leaked through the walls because the seemed cafe sterile and almost office-like.

A cool, beige color coated the walls, and the floor was divided in two, one half covered by tile, the other by carpet. Several small square tables constructed of a light colored wood and a couple of round tables with tall bar stools offered minimal seating. They were arranged in two rows.Two burgundy and gold-checkered armchairs rested in the corner, almost as if they were an after thought. Although this was a good try at bringing life and coziness to the coffee shop, it was a failed attempt. Their cheery color seemed to be out of place in the overall, cold room.

One thing in its favor was its cleanliness. SW Blends was absolutely spotless! Cleanliness is always appreciated and absolutely hoped for in places of food consumption, and even its bathroom seemed to gleam under their fluorescent lighting. However, this attribute, though positive by itself, did nothing to further its coffee house image. Lauren Wiesner '05 said, "The decor makes me nervous." Consequently, its overly pristine nature only added to the sterile feeling that was initially evoked.

True, SW Blends had potential. It offered espresso, cappuccinos, lattes, fruit chillers and Ghirardelli chocolates. Advertising frappes, Tazo teas, pastries, wraps and salads, the cafe had possibly everything for which you could ever ask. On an easel in the back, a poster even announced bands soon to play there. Frosted glass sconces with ivy detailing gave off a lukewarm glow, and the service was impeccable. The trendy cashier even went so far as to bring our drinks to our table.

On the walls hung pictures of famous sites from Ecuador and Brazil. Cup sizes for drinks were written in Spanish. It seemed as if in some way they were trying to mimic Starbuck's comparative grande size. But just because you sell coffee and coffee beans could come from Spanish speaking countries like Columbia, does not mean that you have to plaster the Spanish language over every canister you sell or christen each coffee flavor with a different Hispanic name.

SEE **Coffee** | PAGE 12

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

Beauty Shop
Fri. 4:20, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun.1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Fever Pitch
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30,10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Guess Who
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 4:00, 7:00

The Pacifier
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Robots
Fri. 4:20, 7:20
Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Sahara
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:10, 7:10

Sin City
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Melodrama in a contemporary context

By Dan McClung
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Lures and Snares, a musical derived from two nineteenth century melodramas (*The Poor of New York* and *Under the Gaslight*) is being performed in the Trexler Pavilion until April 10. The elaborately textured production, adapted by Muhlenberg Guest Lecturer Troy Dwyer and Muhlenberg Theater Professor Beth Schachter and directed by the latter, attempts to employ the melodramatic form to bluntly emphasize contemporary social and political ills.

The plot, which is never short of nineteenth century complications, concerns itself over two men, Gideon Bloodgood (Lance Bankerd '05) and Badger (Robert J. Wagner '05), and their involvement in the accidental murder of Captain Robert Fairweather (Phil Haas '05). Badger's subsequent imprisonment leads to a feud between the two that resumes years later in the form of a fair bit of blackmail and death threats. Entwined in the mix is Bloodgood's daughter, Rachel (Lindsay Quinn '05), who must juggle her father's lofty matchmaking aspirations and her concealed homosexuality, and Laura (Brigitte Choura '07) and Pearl (Erica Cenci '06) Fairweather, the daughters of slain Captain Robert.

The supporting cast that is intertwined with the main players is quite large, and many are portrayed by actors in duel roles. Despite that however, the story maintains its coherence and its motive.

Lance Bankard '05 and Lindsay Quinn '05 performing in the MTA's production of *Lures and Snares*.

PHOTO BY WILL PORTER

The program that accompanies the show contains an expansive explanation of the racist and sexist themes of the melodramas upon which it is based, and illustrates the common stereotypes associated with the minority populations of New York in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Further, the program makes clear the contemporary connections to such things as the Enron scandal and the consistent injustices and hypocrisies of the Bush administration that the production intends to make.

I found this a bit unnecessary since, throughout the play, characters left their roles to make asides to the audience that illustrated the intent. Too much of an explanation tends to indicate that a work cannot function or communicate on its own, which was not the case here. However, a few of the thematic elements, such as homosexuality, would've benefitted from a more sincere and courageous approach. Particularly notable from the start is Schachter's directing.

Her unconventional approach makes all of the difference in this case, and the boldness of it is refreshing. She intertwines stereotypical melodramatic interludes with complex personal narratives, and the juxtaposition goes to hint at the theatricality of contemporary society. She uses the relatively bare stage to allow for a more liberated form that is not grounded by props or sets. Essentially, she places a century-old dramatic form in a postmodern context, which works quite well.

The writing by Dwyer and Schachter is also good, creating a logical storyline amidst a chaotic setup and expansive cast list. However, few of the asides to the audience were unnecessary, and their presence was erratic and sometimes negatively distracting.

The musical element was a bit odd, for it occurred infrequently enough that for a while it seemed that the production could've gone without it. However, the numbers were well composed, and they complimented the work well enough that they didn't seem entirely unnecessary. Acting and vocals were good across the board, and the many character-roles were handled well.

Despite an apparent rocky start, by Tuesday's performance the production was very fluid. In fact, despite a few noticeable kinks, this play would compare favorably with much of the new productions that are being produced professionally these days. It is energizing and reassuring to see a production of this quality and courage arise from within the College. It is a reminder of what this place is truly capable of artistically when the right material and direction are applied.

Innovative Dance Performances: *The Cup*

By Elizabeth Pendley
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Empie Theater was teaming with cultural events the first weekend of April. *The Cup* was one such dance performance. Art directors Emily Scanlon '05 and Kerin Nadler '05 arranged this performance which paired student dancers with student musicians. The six pieces in this performance shared a common theme: text. Each piece was inspired by some kind of text.

The first piece, entitled "(Un) Covered" was choreographed by Scanlon, accompanied on piano by David Torsiello '05, and performed by Erin Cairns '06, Erin Goldrick '08, Lindsey Howard '08, Tracie Konopinski '05 and Scanlon . The text that inspired the piece was from Mata Hari who said, "The dance is a poem of which each movement is a word." The dance steps followed along with the meaning of the quote, with each dancer having the same steps, but in a sequential order, just like a sentence. The dancers displayed great extension and interacted well with each other.

Next to follow was Six Meters in Seven Minutes, a new improvisational dance group under the direction of Susan Creitz, PT Lecturer, and their piece was entitled the same. Performers included Gabrielle Campagna '06, Melissa Cooper '05, Kyla McHale '06, Marc Rogol '05, Theo Rutherford '08, Brian Schwab '05, Chris Shepard '07, Kim Swaneveld '05 and Robert J. Wagner '07. This extremely humorous piece was inspired by the text of the April Fools edition of *The Weekly*. Dancers were spread about the stage and in the audience, all with papers, crinkling them and making noises. They would throw, rip, fold, and shake the paper and at some points, this provided the music for the dancers to move to. The performers then read various snippets aloud, including phrases like "female masturbation" causing laughter to ripple throughout the audience.

"Marginalia" was a piece choreographed and performed by Chris Shepard '07 accompanied on violin by Christi Razzi '07. The text that inspired the piece was from "Marginalia" by Billy Collins. Shepard read text aloud as Razzi began by plucking her violin. Shepard's steps seemed to first begin with just the hand which eventually manipulated the rest of the body.

The next piece to follow was "Messing Around (Slap Happy)", a piece choreographed by Kim Schmidt '05 and accompanied on guitar by Aaron Wolf '05 with dancers Dara S. Brown '07, Liz J. Millea '07, Rachel Pereira '07, and Vanessa Rowan '08. This piece was "inspired by motivating text supplied by the dancers and late night adrenaline." This light-hearted fun piece, invited audience participation with clapping and high fives with the dancers.

Perhaps one of the unarguable highlights of the show was the piece entitled "Audience Verb Required." For this piece, Chris Shepard invited the audience to do a mad lib with him to create a piece for the dancers. This invited many shouts as Shepard asked for plural nouns, ("Marmosets!) nouns, ("Your mom!) and adjectives ("smelly!") After much hilarity, the dancers, began to create the story of "A Trip to the Zoo" according to the mad lib the audience created. The inventive, creative steps produced peals of laughter from the audience.

"Me, myself, and I" was the piece to close the concert, choreographed by Kerin Nadler '05 with musicians Johnny Canneto '05, Mike Gaydos '06 and Jon Lightcap '05. Dancers Lindsey Howard '08, Vanessa Rowan, Brandon Gioruad '08, Heather Fox '08, Erin Cairns '06, Courtney Mullen '06 and Elizabeth Seavey '08 got to take an interactive role in creating their piece, as they asked family members and friends to create individually written descriptions of them to serve as the text of the piece.

The phrase, "I am who I am, and that's all that I am" was also an inspiration for the piece. This dance was more a combination of featured soloists, each drawing on their own descriptions for the solos. Styles ranged from perky, to more lyrical, to a more rock star kind of beat. This upbeat, exciting piece was a fitting end to an excellent dance concert that showcased the many talents of Muhlenberg dancers, choreographers and musicians alike.

horoscopes

By Mme Emma Nordica and the writers of *Dazed and Confused*

Aries

“Now fry like bacon, you little freshmen piggies. FRY!”
Freshmen, this is a special reminder to you! With the lovely new springtime weather coming up, make sure to put on sunblock. The Allentown, Pa sun can be brutal sometimes and its burning effects are not the most wonderful thing to experience. It's gonna be nice soon, so lather up on the SPF.

Taurus

“You ought to ditch the two geeks you're in the car with now and get in with us.”
Have you been loyal to your friends lately? Have you been giving them enough of your time or have you kind of been avoiding them? If you are having issues with them, talk to them about it. If you just don't like them anymore and want new ones, well then you suck as a friend.

Gemini

“All I'm saying is that I want to look back and say that I did the best I could while I was stuck in this place.”
As do we all! Doing your best in college might and probably will determine the rest of your life, at least profession-wise. I know that there are many distractions on campus, but don't forget to hit those books. A test is in your near future.

Cancer

“Come on, let's skip out and go get naked.”
With this great weather that's finally coming our way, the desire to skip out on classes grows more and more everyday. The sun is shining, the birds are chirping and who wants to see this from inside a classroom, right? It's time for you to take that much needed break. You've been stressed lately and deserve a day off.

Leo

“I feel like I'm being stalked by a Nazi.”
You are not alone in this feeling. The ever infamous and popular “Facebook” has started a new trend in the stalking arena. Be careful you don't fall into its alluring trap. Retain your phone conversations and go out and meet people in the natural style, not by poking them.

Virgo

“All I'm saying is that if I ever start referring to these as the best years of my life-- remind me to kill myself.”
Come now crankypants, your week hasn't been that bad. So you failed a test and have to redo a paper, its not the end of the world. Visit the tutors on campus and the Writing Center down in the library.

Libra

“George Washington was in a cult, and the cult was into aliens, man.”
Whatever you are on dude, you gotta stop it. You are starting to scare your friends and slacking off on your homework. You gotta get your act together and get serious about your future. Whether you want to admit to it or not, you are gonna be on your own one day soon and need to buckle down.

Scorpio

“The older you get, the more rules they are going to try and get you to follow.”
Parents seem to have that problem sometimes. You are growing up and want to be independent, and yet they can't let you go. They try to restrict you in the efforts of keeping you under their control and power. Stop being a sissy and break through that barrier.

Sagittarius

“I love them redheads!”
That could be where some of your love problems come into view. You are too selective, restricting your dating options to pale, redheads only. We have few people here on campus to begin with, but to limit it even more is ridiculous. Look at the beauty around you in the forms of blondes and brunettes. You may have better love luck with them.

Capricorn

“God, don't you ever feel like everything we do and everything we've been taught is just to serve the future?”
To an extent that is true. But somethings, we have learned, not been taught, are imporatant life lessons that we can only gain through experience and trial and error. That's the knowledge that's most important. It constructs common sense.

Aquarius

“Behind every good man there is a woman, and that woman was Martha Washington.”
Looking for love, aren't we all. But not every woman can be a Martha. Soon you will find someone that is right for you, who makes you laugh and puts a smile on your face. Until you find that person, keep searching The best are the hardest to find.

Pisces

“Mmm...bowling ball.” Getting bored with the activities offered on campus? Need a little outside stimulation? There is so much to do in little ol' Allentown if you would only look. Shuttle Steve can help you explore if you do not have a car or the money for gas. Try going to the bowling alley were you can have hours of endlesss, cool shoe fun.

COFFEE

FROM PAGE 10

Sarah Smith '07 bought a roast beef sandwich. The sandwich was from Dick's Catering Company and was prepackaged, jammed with thinly sliçed, almost fatless meat. The sandwich was so big that Amanda Phillips '05 advised, “If you open up wide enough, you can get it in.” Being a meat lover, Sarah savored every bit wondering how she could ever go back to the fatty stuff offered at the General's Quarters. At $4.95, it was a tad bit pricey, but worth every cent. Her small cafe mocha, at $2.39, was equally delicious and was offered in a variety of coffee flavors like Columbian and house. **Coffee Rating: 9.3. Sandwich Rating: 10.**

Phillips purchased a prepackaged bagel and cream cheese. To her delight and surprise, a small, red plastic snack pack stick was included to spread the cheese. As she reminisced about her youth and the joys of her snack pack stick, she concluded, “ My bagel is to a bagel as Bud Light to Guinness...bland and watery.” At $1.75, Amanda was not too impressed with her food. Luckily her chai, $3.05, pleased her to no end. For once she was content with her drink dubbing it “quite spicy, good all the way through.” **Bagel Rating: 3.5. Chai Rating: 8.**

Lauren Wiesner '05 ordered a hot chocolate, $3.40, and was outraged when she was charged fifty cents extra for the whipped topping. But obviously, this did not deter her opinion of it too much as she decided, “It was scrumtrulescent.” Like Amanda, she also purchased a bagel. However, she enjoyed it slightly more than her counter part or as much as one can enjoy a prepackaged bagel. **Hot Chocolate Rating: 9. Bagel Rating: 6.**

Overall, SW Blends received one of the highest ratings for food and drinks. But so much of enjoying a coffee house is loving the atmosphere that it provides. Unfortunately, SW Blends severely lacked in this area. It seemed sterile and mass-produced, chain store-like with little character to give it distinction. **Atmosphere: 6. Value: 5. Cleanliness: 10. Overall Rating: 7.42.**

Session I Starts May 23!

MUHLENBERG
SUMMER STUDY

Register Now

It's the perfect time to catch up or move ahead!

A wide selection of
4-, 6- and 10-week courses available, including:

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Asian Traditions
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilization
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Science
- History
- Mathematical Sciences
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Spanish
- Studio Arts

FOR MORE INFORMATION

contact The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College at 484.664.3300 or visit:

www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/summer

Registrations accepted: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. to noon

BASEBALL

FROM PAGE 16

scoring himself on a single from Tobia. Three more runs in the third and two more in the sixth totaled up the Mules offense.

In the sixth, Tobia was hit by a pitch, and Oris then hit a two-run home run. Senior Gregg Burkhart recorded the win, striking out nine Hawk batters in six innings and moving himself up the record book's all-time strike out list.

The Mar. 22 game against Moravian College clinched the Matte Award for the Mules as they defeated the Greyhounds 11-9.

The Mules were down 2-0 going into the top of the third when Sassaman reached on an error and was plated by Long.

A single to right field by Tobia set up Sophomore Mike Hart for a two-run double and tied the ballgame at two all. The Mules would remain ahead for the rest of the game.

The seventh inning was an exciting one. Sophomore Pete Oris led off with a single. Carlo and Hart walked, then Hegstrom tripled everyone in, and Sassaman executed a suicide bunt to plate Hegstrom. The Mules went into the bottom of the inning up 10-4.

Moravian made a valiant effort, as they scored three runs in the bottom of the inning. Then in the eighth, Oris doubled, Hart hit an RBI triple bringing him in, and that closed out the Mules offense for the day. The Greyhounds fought back again in the ninth, scoring twice. Sophomore Jason Bonder recorded the win.

In an exciting Centennial Conference opener game on Mar. 30, the Mules defeated Swarthmore College 3-2 in ten innings.

Senior Gregg Burkhart brought his A-game as usual, and when his offense wasn't as explosive as it had been in the past few games, the senior co-Captain carried the weight of the game on his shoulders, pitching a two-hit shutout and striking out eight into the ninth inning. Regensburg relieved him in the ninth and closed out the win.

The Mules' first two runs came in the second off of Swarthmore errors. Tobia sparked the inning with a single up the middle. Hart then reached on an error which subsequently plated Tobia. Hart scored himself off of another error.

Swarthmore College tied it up in the ninth, sending the game into extra innings.

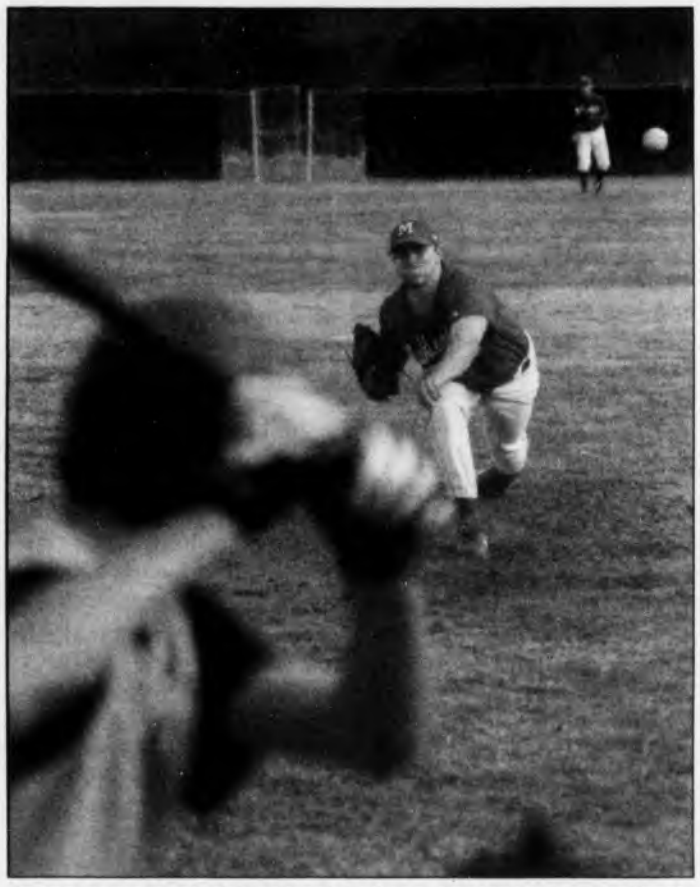
In the bottom of the tenth, Matt Tobia again sparked the offense, reaching base and advancing to second. Hart then stepped to the plate and with a shot to right center, sent Tobia home to his teammates waiting to celebrate at home plate.

Bonder commented on the senior pitcher's game, "[Burkhart] is the type of person who lets his accomplishments speak for him, and this makes him a very effective leader on the team. His accomplishments and work ethic set a standard that the younger guys look to work towards."

April Fool's Day was all business for the Mules as they defeated Swarthmore again, this time 9-6 increasing their Centennial Conference record to 2-0. Swarthmore led 1-0 going into the fifth inning.

Then the Mules' bats came alive when Bettini, Hegstrom and Kessler loaded the bases. Sassaman was hit by a pitch bringing in classmate Bettini.

Senior Matthew Long's sacrifice fly drove in Hegstrom. A speedy Sassaman stole second, and an error by the catcher sent him to third and Kessler home.



In the game against Hartwick College, Senior Gregg Burkhart struck out nine batters in six innings.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

The offense closed out with RBI singles from classmates Oris and Hart. Sophomore Jason Bonder started the game and struck out nine batters in six innings.

The pitchers have done a great job this week stepping it up when the bats haven't been as explosive.

"Our offense gives our pitchers a reason to feel confident," said Bonder. "It's much easier to throw knowing even if you give up a few runs, the guys will get the runs right back."

Women win opener

By Kristen Ziegler
SPORTS EDITOR

GOLF

The women's golf team won their first regular season tournament at the Dickinson Invitational. With two players shooting in the eighties, and another player in the low nineties, the Mules defeated five other teams.

The closest competitor, the Dickinson A team, was 28 strokes behind. The Mules defeated their own record of 424 strokes, which was set at last year's home meet.

"Basically we stepped it up a notch and practiced really hardcore in the off-season," said Sophomore Laura Fazio.

Senior Kristen Bruschi and Fazio tied for second place; both shot an 89. They were just nine strokes short of the leader, Katey Gumz from Ursinus College.

In her rookie season, Sophomore Kristen Amore had a stroke average of 100.0, the lowest on the team. At the Dickinson Invitational, Amore shot a 92. She tied for fourth place.

Junior Keiko Yoshida shot a 105, and Sophomore Lindsay Scott was just four strokes behind at 109.

"I am really proud of the team," said Fazio, "Just to have the record" coming off the opening tournament. The women's team is currently ranked second in the Conference, seventeen strokes behind McDaniel College.

The men's golf team placed sixth in a field of eighteen at the Moravian Spring Invitational. Junior Chris Walach finished with a 77 and was just six strokes behind Moravian Grey's Bryan Ott.

Senior Weston Happ shot a 78, to tie his career-low which he last shot at the Elizabethtown Blue Jay Classic.

Walach and Happ are ranked in the top ten in the Conference. Happ has a stroke average of 81.75. Happ is seventh in the Conference. Walach is ninth with a stroke average of 82.25.

Senior Matt Schoenfeld was one stroke behind at 79, and Junior Brain Farrelly shot an 82. Tim Johnston shot an 89.

Self Storage City

- Individual Door Alarms
- Climate Controlled Space
- Electronic Keypad Access
- 24-Hour Video Surveillance
- We Sell Locks, Boxes, Tape, Etc.
- Brand New Facility!

Located Right On
Route 309
3 Blocks North of Rt. 22
(610) 398-2700
www.selfstoragecity.com

Summer Break Special
1/2 Month - Free!!

Mules falter after Spring Break victories

By Brandon Manekin
Weekly Sports Writer

SOFTBALL

Expecting to come back strong after a successful spring trip, the Mules hit a long and rocky road, dropping seven straight games and bringing their record to six wins and nine losses.

The Mules came back from Florida to host the Muhlenberg Invitational where they faced the sixth-ranked Ithaca College and State University of New York at Cortland.

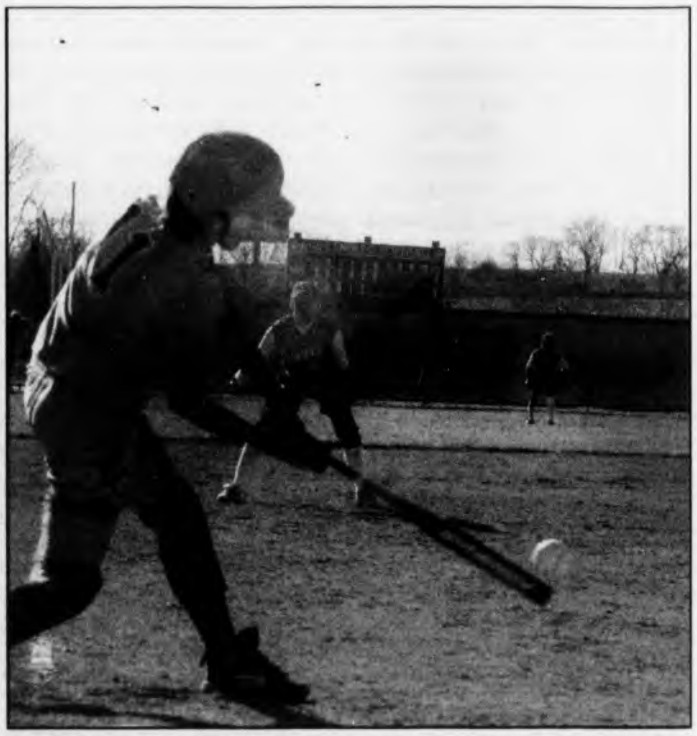
Against Ithaca, junior pitcher Kristina Cartolano battled hard for the Mules, putting up two strikeouts. Against Cortland State, the Mules racked up another five hits for a total of ten on that day.

Sophomore Tina Roth and Cartolano led the team offensively as Roth had two doubles and Cartolano one. Roth went 3-4 in the two games; she was responsible for putting up the Mules' only run in the two games when she crossed the plate in the sixth inning off of an RBI from Sophomore Nicole Washburn. The team stranded nineteen runners on base.

On Mar. 22, the Mules traveled to Moravian College where they dropped two games to their big time rival and the defending national runner-up Greyhound team. After getting shut out the first game eight to zero in five innings, they lost the second with a closer margin of six to two.

In the first game, Moravian's All-American pitcher Meagan Hennessy pitched a five-inning no hitter. Facing Hennessy again in the second game of the doubleheader, the Mules failed to succumb to their first defeat and battled hard, scoring two runs off of only five hits.

Sophomore second baseman Katie Olsen had three hits and an RBI in the last inning. The RBI plated Junior Andrea Cohen who also swung the bat well, driving in Junior Lindsay Ruhling who had doubled to reach base back in the fourth.



Junior Lindsay Ruhling hits the ball down centerfield before she races off to first base.

Photo by Rob Kandel

On Mar. 31, the Mules took on the twenty-fifth ranked College of New Jersey and added two more to the losses column. Against the Lions, the Mules put up only ten hits and one run. Junior Andrea Cohen scored the lone run after hitting a double down the left-field line, advancing to third on a sacrifice bunt by Sophomore Hilary Marinchak and finally scoring on a sacrifice fly to center field from the bat of Senior Becki Toth.

Toth also hit strong in the first game, trying to spark the Mules from her leadoff spot with two singles. Juniors Tara DeMarzo and Ruhling also contributed offensively, with two hits apiece in the second game against the Lions.

Having lost six of their last seven games to nationally ranked teams that have all competed in the NCAA Division III Tournament last year, the Mules are well-prepared and anxious for Conference play to begin this week.

The Mules play Franklin and Marshall College on Saturday.

LACROSSE

FROM PAGE 16

another from Sophomore Sean Toohill. This brought the Mules to a very early 3-0 lead.

"Montclair had a tough couple of players who we matched up well against," said Lutzer. "At times our team looked lost, but everyone play us."

Then Montclair State University answered back, and by halftime, the Red Hawks were leading 6-4.

The Mules picked up their game in the third quarter and in an outstanding finish, a ground ball pickup from Luzter sent to Sophomore Cliff Burwell was fed to Robinson, who scored the tying goal with 26 seconds left. This sent the Mules into overtime.

With 2:19 left in overtime, Freshman Kyle Farris, who has proven himself as one of the Mules' most valuable offenders, scored his third goal of the game to win it for the Mules.

"We knew that Farris could rip it past the goalie because of his strength," said Luzter.

Their win against Montclair University may have been the most exciting game for the Mules this season, until Apr. 1, when the Mules were sent into overtime once again, and emerged victorious over King's Point College.

The Mules were coming off of a 13-7 loss to the Gettysburg College Bullets on Mar. 30, but weren't phased by the disappointment. Their effort versus the twelfth ranked Bullets was admirable, and the Mules' determination was evident.

Going into the King's Point game, the Mules had high expectations, and they were challenged immediately by the Mariners, as they only led by one at the half.

The Mariners kept up with the Mules in the second half as well, and while Burwell's goal early in the fourth quarter would have won the game for the Mules, King's Point answered back with 6:06 remaining in the game to send them into overtime.

Despite several scoring attempts, the Mules struggled through overtime and with only 59 seconds left, Toohill managed to score on a pass from Mickey "eagle eye" Norton, (his fourteenth this season) to win the second OT game in two weeks.

"Westy [Westendorf] helped win the game for us against King's Point by having two crucial goals," said Robinson. "If it wasn't for his play in the game, Toohill might have never gotten the opportunity to score the game winning goal in overtime."

The Mules' next matchups are this Saturday at Franklin and Marshall College and a contest on Wednesday, Apr. 13 vs. Dickinson College.

'Berg captures C.C. win

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

TENNIS

The rainy weather weekend put a damper on most scheduled Mules sports matches, but the men's tennis team was able to play indoors to defeat McDaniel College, 7-0.

While used to practicing outdoors, the men were able to capture their first Centennial Conference win of the season in the fieldhouse. The Mules (4-2, 1-2) have now easily defeated the Green Terror (1-3, 0-2) 22 consecutive times.

Senior Mitchell Reading and Junior Adam Nodiff led the Mules, each winning 6-0, 6-0 in singles play. Only minutes before their singles matches, the two teamed up for an 8-0 win at No. 2 doubles.

"It seems we have a great home-court advantage playing in our field house, as we've beat some good teams 7-0 in there," Reading said. "It is also important that John's Hopkins just beat Washington, who hasn't lost in [the Centennial Conference] since 1985, so that shows that the [Centennial Conference] is really strong."

Senior Jeff Kraft continued his success this season, with a current record of 5-1 for the spring with his 6-0, 6-2 singles victory.

Junior Brad Gutwillig and Kraft won at No. 1 doubles, and Gutwillig went on to win at No. 2 doubles as well. Junior Adam Nodiff won at No. 4 singles with a score of 6-0, 6-0, while Freshman Jesse Kirschenbaum won with a 6-2, 6-0 victory.

"For the rest of the season, I hope everyone can stay dedicated, and we can pull out the tough, three set matches which we couldn't do at Dickinson. We are a really strong team, and the future for us looks bright," said Reading. Several milestones were reached during the McDaniel defeat, as it was the first time since 1998 that the Mules had two 8-0 doubles shutouts.

The women's team also scored an impressive 8-1 win against Elizabethtown University. While the Blue Jays played their traditional season in the fall, they hosted a spring match against the Mules.

Junior Amy Schmidt won her eighteenth consecutive match in spring dual meets with a score of 6-2, 6-0 at No. 1 singles. Schmidt and Freshman Ashley Reed improved to 3-0 with their victory at No. 1 doubles.

Senior Emily Oster achieved success as she captured her 39th career doubles win with her partner, Sophomore Pam Kimmelman.

Mules make history

By Joe Nash
Weekly Sports Writer

After a three game winning streak and a close game through the first half, the Mules were defeated by the Montclair State University Red Hawks with a final score of 15-9. The loss made the Mules one game shy of a school record of four straight wins.

The Red Hawks took an early lead, scoring the first two goals of the game, but the Mules followed closely, keeping within one goal until the second half.

Leading the team with goals, Sophomore Katie Reimann scored the third hat trick of her career, and Junior Courtney Tapkas scored twice.

The Mules victory over Washington College on Mar. 24 was a historic one for the 'Berg. For one, Senior Diana Bleakley's twelve saves enabled her to break the record of 563 career saves by Mary Foody who has held the record since 1991.

This was the Mules' first Centennial Conference victory of the season, winning 17-7, with Bleakley's career saves now totaling 570.

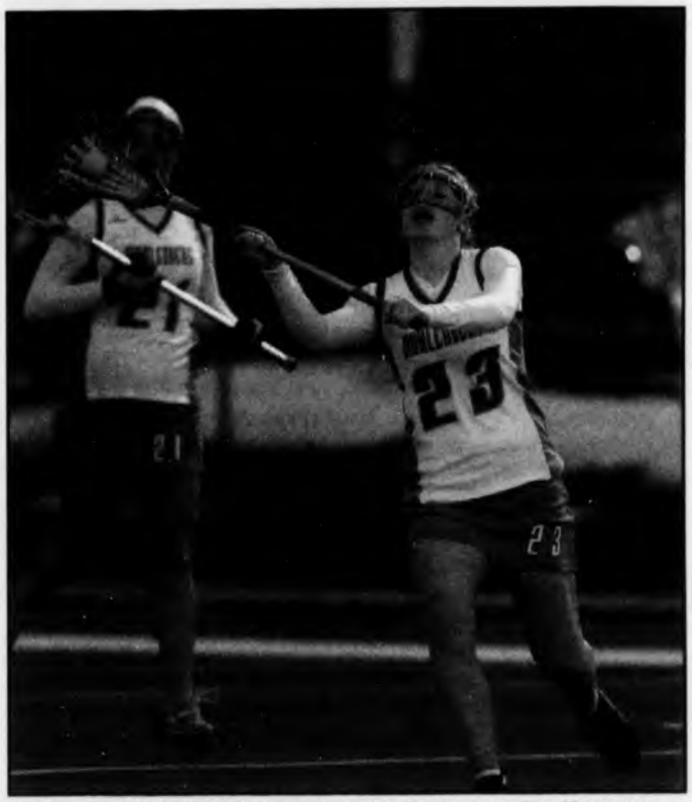
The Mules offense was just as impressive; they scored three times within the first three minutes of the game with an additional eight goals by the end of the first half, giving them an eleven point lead. This is the largest lead entering the second half in College history.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

This game proved to be historic because the Mules have not defeated Washington College since 1997. For the past seven years, they have lost by an average of seven goals.

"We've been working so hard since the second day of February, and this win against a good team in our Conference is what we've been working toward," said Senior Amy Lanning, who contributed one goal and two assists.

Leading the team in goals, Tapkas and Senior Christa Carlstrand each scored four times, while Junior Shannon Donohue scored three times for her first hat trick of the season.



Junior Courtney Tapkas catches the ball as Junior Shannon Donohue looks on. Tapkas went on to score four goals against Washington College. Photo by Rob Kandel

Both Tapkas and Donohue also picked up five ground balls, as did Sophomore Elizabeth Alexander, who also contributed with three caused turnovers and three draw controls.

"We were 'on' today," added Lanning. "We were connecting on our passes, cutting to the ball and working together as a team."

Playing on grass for the first time all season, the Mules' 4-2 record was its best after six games in the 21-year history of the program.

The Mules faced Bryn Mawr College on Mar. 31 and finished on top, winning 15-5, and capturing its second straight Centennial Conference win.

After a weak start, trailing by two, the Mules rallied with help from Sophomore Katie Reimann's free-position score. Reimann stayed hot for the rest of the game, totaling four goals.

The Mules led 6-2 at halftime, with help from Donohue, whose third goal capped off the half.

"The ball was mostly on the defensive end for the first half, but we were able to hold them to four goal," commented Reimann.

The Owls kicked off the second half, scoring three goals in the first 1:45, closing the gap to one. The Owls' rally was brought to a halt when junior co-Captain Jess Geiger scored to give the Mules their momentum back.

Donohue finished the game with six goals, achieving her 100th career goal. Carlstrand had four points, and Tapkas scored twice. Despite the wet conditions on the grass field, the Mules were victorious and brought their current record to 5-2.

The Haverford College Fords defeated the Mules 11-8, giving the Mules their first Centennial Conference loss in over a month.

The Fords scored two goals early in the game, but Junior Steph Light knocked in a goal to bring the difference to just one.

The Fords came back with three more goals in the first half, and the half ended with a score of 6-4.

The Fords scored again at the opening of the second half. Then Donohue passed the ball to Tapkas, who scored one more goal for the Mules.

Haverford scored three more goals and kept the Mules behind by three for the rest of the game. This was Haverford's first Centennial Conference victory.

Spring athletes earn early honors

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

The Centennial Conference honors athletes from each sport who demonstrate exceptional performance during the week with the title, "Centennial Conference Player of the Week." Over the past few weeks, which marked the opening of the spring season, many of Muhlenberg's finest have been honored with that title. These players were up against competitors from the nine other schools in the Centennial Conference. Below we have listed those of our own who are now Centennial Conference honorees.

BASEBALL:

Sophomore Jason Bonder

Bonder was named as co-Pitcher of the Week on Mar. 14. This honor was bestowed upon Bonder after an exceptional game versus Lake Erie College down in the Mules' spring training trip to Chandler, Ariz. Bonder struck out fourteen batters in seven innings in what was only his second career start. Bonder has the third highest number of strike-outs in a game in College history.

Since that game, Bonder has recorded two more wins. One win was against Moravian College, a game which clinched the Matte Award for the College (This was not the only win of the day for Bonder as he placed third in the Mr. Muhlenberg competition that same night). Bonder's next win was against Swarthmore College when he struck out nine in six innings.

Junior Matt Tobia

Tobia was named co-Player of the Week on Mar. 21. Tobia had a phenomenal week in Chandler, Ariz. with five doubles in six games and a career high nine RBIs. He has continued to be a dangerous force at the plate, especially in the Mules' win over Wilkes University on Mar. 18. Tobia blasted a double, triple and home run against Wilkes University, just a single away from the cycle.

In the three games before being named Centennial Conference Player of the Week, Tobia hit .545 with seven RBIs. The junior third basemen is tied at second in the Centennial Conference with six doubles and tied for fourth with sixteen RBIs. He is fourth in batting average (.486) and slugging percentage (.784).

SOFTBALL:

Junior Kristina Cartolano

Cartolano was named Player of the Week for her outstanding pitching and hitting performance on the Mules' spring trip to Florida. She hit .667 with seven and was 3-0 with a 2.17 ERA.

On Mar. 10, the Mules played against Staten Island. As a native of Staten Island, Cartolano played alongside many of the girls on the team and played for the head coach in high school. However, it was all business when Cartolano came to the mound in the third inning as she shut down the Staten Island offense and secured a 7-3. Cartolano helped her own cause when she notched the tie-breaking three-run triple in the win.

Against Eastern University, Cartolano's bat came out again when she hit a two-run double. She fanned eight and came within one out of a shutout.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE:

Junior Courtney Tapkas

One week before her birthday, Tapkas earned Centennial Conference honors after the Mules' three wins over Chestnut Hill, Moravian and Kean Colleges. She recorded fifteen goals and three assists in the three games. Six of those goals (and two of the assists) were against Moravian College.

Tapkas leads the Centennial Conference in goals per game with 3.75 and ranks fourth in points per game with 4.50. With more than a year left to play, Tapkas is already fourth in Mules history with 131 career goals.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Inside: *Men and Women's Tennis capture a win each.* *page 14*

Inside: *Women's Lacrosse increase record to 5-3.* *page 15*

'Berg's best since 1969

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

BASEBALL

While the Mules' season has been evenly split between wins and losses so far, their home opener success against College Misericordia was just the beginning of a six-game winning streak.

The Mules beat College Misericordia 7-5. Going into the third inning, the team was losing 2-0 when Senior C.J. Kessler and Sophomore Ryan Sassaman drew back-to-back walks and then stole a base while Senior Matthew Long was up at bat. An RBI single by Sophomore Pete Oris plated Kessler. Junior Matt Tobia then singled in the two runners to put the Mules ahead 3-2.

The Mules did not have the lead for long as Misericordia tied the game four all. With one out, Sassaman then walked and was hit over by Senior Matthew Long; Oris walked to load the bases. Tobia sent home the go-ahead run once again, this time by getting hit with a pitch.

Freshman Joe Carlo singled in the other two runners. Senior Matt Cooper started the game, and in the six innings that he pitched only allowed four hits and two earned runs; he struck out six. Sophomore reliever Eric Wolfer got the win after Senior Pete Lankarge saved the win in the final inning.

Their second game back in the cold weather, the Mules heated back up, tallying thirteen hits, more than half of which were extra base hits. In the fifth, Tobia slammed a home run.

Then Carlo sent one to deep right field for a two-bagger and continued circling the bases after two misplays in the field. The freshman outfielder "is a great addition to the team. He provides a great bat in the middle of the lineup, solid defense, and is a hard worker," said sophomore pitcher Jason Bonder.

With two outs in the fifth, Kessler rallied with an RBI double, and the Mules went into the sixth inning leading 6-4.

There was a two-out rally in the bottom of the sixth inning. Tobia sparked the sixth inning offensive attack with a triple to center field and was plated by a Carlo single. Junior Chad Hegstrom stepped to the plate, driving in a run. Kessler finished it off with a three-run triple deep into the outfield. Tobia was a single away from hitting for the cycle in the ballgame.

Tobia's offensive consistency so far this season has been a topic of discussion. Bonder said, "Tobia is seeing the ball real well, and is able to spark the offense. Even if he has an off day, he finds a way to get on base."

Kessler also had an impressive game as he recorded a career- high four runs off of his double and triple.

Senior Aaron Regensburg pitched the first seven innings and recorded the win allowing only four runs and seven hits before Freshman Paul Faith closed the last two innings, striking out four.

Hartwick College was the third team to fall to the Mules last week. The Mules were down 1-0 going into the second inning.

In the bottom of the second Oris, Junior James Petersen and Sophomore A.J. Bettini loaded the bases. Then, Hegstrom walked, plating a run. A hit from Kessler then sent Petersen home.

That brought up Sophomore Ryan Sassaman who slammed a two-run double before later

The game against College Misericordia was just the beginning of a six-game winning streak.

Photo by Rob Kandel

SEE **BASEBALL** | PAGE 13

Mules move up in winnings

Junior Brian Schimaneck looks for an open player downfield. The Mules won the last four of five games.

Photo by Rob Kandel

By Shannon Donohue
Weekly Sports Writer

MEN'S LACROSSE

The Mules have proven their strength during the past two weeks, winning their last four games, bringing their overall record to a solid 6-2.

The Mules' winning streak began on Mar. 16 with a 17-3 victory over Moravian College. Junior James Robinson and Freshman Mickey Norton led the attack; Robinson notched three goals, and Norton had four. Each of the two attackers picked up an assist.

The game began on a positive -note, despite the Mules coming off of their second loss of the season to Lynchburg when Senior Captain Bradley Lutzer scored the first goal of the game. The Mules never let up, and when the final whistle blew, the efforts of the Mules bench had made a statement.

Freshmen Mike Brown, Tim Martin and Brett Shaver each scored their first collegiate goals; Mike Tentindo picked up six of seven draws taken, and the Mules defense had only allowed sixteen shots.

The Mules' next win did not come as easily. Although their game vs. Montclair State University started out positively, the Mules struggled before they could celebrate another win.

Senior Captain John Westendorf scored the first two goals of the game, which were followed by

SEE **LACROSSE** | PAGE 14

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Dr. James Brennan, Dean of the Wescoe School, talks about the College and his resignation.
page 5

Inside

Gavin DeGraw s down to earth charm and musical philosophy expressed in interview.
page 11

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 20 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2005

Greeks unite through a week of games

Phi Sig tugged their way to victory against Phi Mu in the first round of tug-of-war on the last day of Greek Week.

PHOTO BY BEN VEGHTE

By Jeremy Duncan
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

Greek Week at the College included athletic and non-athletic events designed "to promote and celebrate Greek life" on campus, said Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development & Greek Affairs. The event took place last week.

Brian Campfield '06, President of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), and Jen Garabedian '06, President of the Panhellenic Council (PanHel), both agreed that the week was a huge success, full of what Campfield referred to as "intense competition."

Garabedian said the events helped to showcase "healthy competition" and promote a positive image. She believes, furthermore, that a fabulous job was done with Greek Week that was "a positive reflection of the pooled resources of the women."

The week's events "overwhelmingly succeeded in demonstrating maturity and class," said Garabedian.

Campfield also acknowledged that the week was certainly firmly grounded in competition, but there was a great sense of unity as well.

According to Garabedian, this coming together extended to a coordinated effort between IFC and PanHel that was unprecedented.

Garabedian said they were able to plan together and support each other, combining their efforts to make the entire process of Greek Week smoother.

Rachel Kleiner '05, a sister of Phi Sigma Sigma commented, "I thought that overall things went well, and the different houses showed that they can really get along with one another, which is beneficial to Greek Life as a whole."

Greek Week consisted of different activities that pitted members of one Greek organization against another.

The events for the men included 3 on 3 basketball, 3 point shooting, swimming, a home-run derby, the Last Man Standing Game Show, Frisbee golf, volleyball, bowling, billiards, darts, ping pong,

SEE **GREEK** | PAGE 7

State reviews education program

By Robin DeCicco and
Jessie Huston
ASST. NEWS EDITOR AND
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

In the past month, the Department of Education at the College was reviewed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

A state review is necessary for all Licensing Agencies in the state of Pennsylvania.

This rigorous state review takes place every five years. It is a broad-ranging review of the College curriculum.

It includes an assessment of the Department of Education including the Elementary Education and Secondary Education Certification Programs, as well as a review of the other departments that are necessary for the required subject major, like Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics and History.

During this three-day review, team members from the Pennsylvania Department of Education collected syllabi from each necessary department and met with the heads of each department.

The Education Department turned Seegers 108, 109 and 110 into "evidence rooms," in which members of the team were given the opportunity to review all student work turned into each specific

SEE **EDUCATION** | PAGE 6

New meal plan available for Fall '05 semester

By Sara Horowitz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Students at the College will soon have a new meal plan available to them. The new plan is being called the "Lifestyles Meal Program." It starts next semester and includes several revisions to the current meal plan.

According to Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, the new meal program is "more flexible and nutritious," providing for students the "best kind of food service possible."

Ehrenberg, along with Glenn Gerchman, Director of the Student Union and Campus Events, has made a fairly comprehensive revision rather than just one or two little changes. Ehrenberg recognizes that "students are much more conscious of what they eat" while others, "are up late at night" and may want to have a meal then.

The purpose of the new meal plan is to "be responsive to the students' needs" as much as possible.

According to Gerchman, the three parties involved in this revision were the "Student Body, Muhlenberg College and Sodexho."

A "unique balance" had to be created in order to make all three parties content with the final outcome.

The first modification agreed upon by all parties was the adjustment in hours of operation.

Next semester, the Garden Room will no longer be open for breakfast, but instead will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The dean found that "students had class during lunch times and were rushing to have a meal," but that now students will have "plenty of time to sit and eat."

For breakfast, General's Quarters will expand its services by providing a hot breakfast and a make-your-own omelet station.

The Student Council dining committee will be looking into other alternatives as well.

The Lifestyles Meal Program will also contain a

SEE **MEAL PLAN** | PAGE 6

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Executive Editor

Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

Club recognition policy unjust

WITH JUST OVER THREE WEEKS OF CLASSES LEFT BEFORE EXAMS, A fresh batch of paperwork was sent to every student organization's president from Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs, requesting an update of officers and contact information for the club recognition process. Not only are students busily running their organizations and attending classes and meetings, but now they must also fill out more paperwork for their organization. What is more striking about this process are the consequences of the recognition protocol. Those organizations that have not completed their recognition requirements including fabricating an entirely new set of bylaws or altering current bylaws significantly to include specific language designated by Jachimowicz are treated with threats of losing "privileges afforded recognized student groups" including use of College facilities, funding from Student Council and use of the College mailing services.

What makes student organizations unique is that they are student-run. While it is absolutely necessary that these organizations abide by the college handbook, it should certainly be up to each organization's members to determine their governing documents. Imposing specific language and insisting on included rules crosses important boundaries between student-run groups and college-run groups. The College should allow students the liberty of running their own organizations how they please, as long as they follow college policy. Threatening to remove necessary college resources from groups on campus is a manipulative maneuver unjustly made by Jachimowicz and the Student Life Office. The participation in bylaws reformation should be a suggestion to clubs for their more efficient management, not a requirement demanded upon them.

One purpose of these new bylaws and organizing of clubs is apparently to provide a central location for information about the College's student groups. The information needed to create this database could far more easily be obtained from the budgets prepared each semester by each club to obtain funding from Student Council. This would save valuable time for each student leader, time that could be dedicated to more important projects within their groups.

Letters to the Editor:

Response to parent marijuana letter

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter "Other ways to handle marijuana at the College," in which Ms. Joliat stated that "it appears that many Muhlenberg students...drink and smoke on occasion" and that it is hypocritical and detrimental to the College "when students who smoke pot themselves can report on their friends."

First off, let me state the most obvious point. Marijuana is illegal and in America when you do illegal things, you run the risk of getting arrested. Whether or not marijuana should be legalized is a completely different issue, but as the law stands now I see no validity in the argument that a student is somehow being wronged with they are arrested after being caught breaking the law. If you don't like it, move to the Netherlands. I spent a semester there; trust me, the countryside is beautiful.

However, even if it is possible that Ms. Joliat has a valid point somewhere in her argument, the manner in which she goes about her reasoning is vague and unsubstantiated. She makes the assumption that "it appears that many Muhlenberg students...drink and smoke on occasion." How do you know? Are you a student here or are you simply believing the biased opinion of a few students you may have a connection to? She continues to state that "If the school is going to enforce a policy of curtailing these activities...it should be done in a manner that is fair and consistent." When has it not been fair and consistent? Where are these examples of students who have been caught smoking marijuana and not been arrested for it? With none of those stated in the letter, and no example popping to mind from my four years here on campus, I have no reason to believe that they exist.

Now, I'm sure that if this anecdote is true and students really were "handcuffed" and "paraded through the hall in front of their peers," that it was quite the embarrassing experience. And I do have sympathy for those students because, at one time or another, we have all been in embarrassing situations. However, instead of suggesting that the College needs to re-examine its policies regarding students who are breaking the law, I suggest that these students learn to deal with the consequences of their choices and for the students mentioned in the article whose friends turned them; please, find new friends. This seems to be a personal issue as to a lack of trust among a few individuals, not an issue that needs to on the forefront of the next Student Life Task Force meeting.

--Michael Posternack
Class of '05

The truth about glamour: who decides beautiful?

Kate Arney-Cimino
Op/Ed Editor

Last week was Women's Week at Muhlenberg hosted by Students Advocating Gender Equality (SAGE). Basically SAGE is a politically correct way to say 'women's group' at the College. Contrary to many people's beliefs, SAGE is not a male hating, tree-hugging, angry group of feminists but rather a group of girls, and the occasional boy, who come together to discuss and educate themselves on controversial issues such as choice, relationship violence, equal rights in the workforce and empowerment.

It was disgusting to see a model so thin to the point that when she was retouched they actually gave her a little fat.

The finale of Women's Week was a presentation in the Miller Forum conducted by Andrew Coppa called "Virtual Women." Andrew Coppa runs an airbrushing studio in New York City and has the privilege of seeing celebrities and models in real life before they are shaped, shaded and manipulated for the public to see the next day in People magazine or through other outlets of the media. The purpose of his presentation was to educate the audience in the process of how images are changed and why, while he showed before and after shots of celebrities such as Angelina Jolie, Ben Affleck, and Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson.

Andrew Coppa came two years ago for the same Women's Week event. Two years ago after his presentation I was horrified and angry that this sort of camouflage was going on. It was disgusting to see a model so thin to the point that when she was retouched they actually gave her a little fat. However, after the presentation again this year with new images, I realized the power of this information. For the past two years every time I've looked at a magazine cover I've seen it in a different way with different knowledge.

Of course this knowledge is open to the public in fine print in all magazines. For example, Coppa showed a picture of Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson fighting that most of us have seen on the cover of a celebrity gossip magazine. The picture was completely fabricated and had been two pictures of them individually looking angry and then they molded it together to show them angry at each other at the same venue. The magazine can get away with this because somewhere on the inside in five point font it says "digital imaging" which is probably slang for "we are making it all up."

The magazine can get away with this because somewhere on the inside in five point font it says "digital imaging."

When Francesca Coppa, Associate Professor of English announced her cousin, she opened with a story saying how when she came to his office and saw men hunched over computers fixing all of the flaws in women, she discovered that this was the actual place where women are maligned in society—right there in her cousin's office.

We say maligned, meaning they are making them worse when in reality they were making these women look "better." Who says that's better?

The fact that women are exploited through airbrushing is disapointing, but what's even more disheartening is that today most people are unaware of the degree of airbrushing that happens to each picture—the attention to the smallest imperfections. Sure everyone has some knowledge that pictures are airbrushed, but it is to the point where if your knuckles on your hands look too big airbrushers will alter

SEE **BEAUTY** | PAGE 4

Days get longer, skirts get shorter

Jason Klein
Weekly Columnist

You can run, but you can't hide; spring is here, and that means that the spring fever epidemic is once again wrecking havoc on the Student Body.

Many people would argue that spring fever is not a real illness, but anyone who has ever been afflicted can assure those critics that spring fever is nothing like the stomach ache they used to fake to stay home from elementary school so they could watch The Price is Right. That's right, spring fever is real, and it is back on campus with a vengeance.

Scientists say that unlike the flu, spring fever is not spread by random geese, but instead by a nemesis known as Daylight Savings Time. Daylight Savings Time masks itself as our friend, making people believe that it is a good thing because it maximizes daylight hours. However, it is no ally; am I the only one to notice Daylight Savings Time rudely coming in the middle of the night robbing us of a much needed hour of slumber? Besides causing excessive tiredness, Daylight Savings Time also causes vast frustration. Nobody knows how to change the dashboard clock in their car, and it takes the average person a month before they synchronize all of their time keeping devices to the proper time.

Nobody knows how to change the dashboard clock in their car, and it takes the average person a month before they synchronize all of their time keeping devices.

Knowing the cause of spring fever only proves that resistance is futile, so long as we "spring ahead" our clocks in accordance with Daylight Savings Time, we as a people will continue to fall victim to this temporary, yet life-altering illness. In an effort to come to terms with spring fever, many students may find themselves frequenting the local "Rita's" for some ices or even a gelati. For those unfamiliar with "Rita's", beware, the delicious seasonal frozen treats are rumored to be more addicting than "chapstick", a product seemingly more addicting than nicotine-laced cocaine. On the first day of spring the dealers even give their unsuspecting prey a free ice, a practice commonly used by "the homies in da streets who be slingin' rock."

Spring fever does have its side effects, most notably the vast decline in student's ability to concentrate on their coursework. Other negative side effects include the ability to induce "Turrets-like" outbursts towards housing without air-conditioning and the increased worry of clothes revealing the horror known as "pit stains". Those who have the fever even dress differently; the males are often seen in shorts and a t-shirt

SEE **SPRING** | PAGE 4

Congratulations Seniors—Now leave

Tiffany Kirk
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Commencement ends, and the lazy days of Senior Week turn into chaos. By 6:00 p.m. on the day of graduation, each new alumnus must hurry and pack his or her things to leave the College—for good.

Although this has been the procedure for multiple years, approval by the majority should not be assumed principally because it does not exist (maybe never has). Housing and the administration's reasoning behind the early time is the students' safety and the start of the summer semester.

Currently, students for the summer semester are set to move in the weekend following Commencement. Although this is a valid reason, would the cleaning crew get that much of a head start if the seniors left at noon on Monday? On top of the Ford Explorers, we will have the parental Expeditions crowding the South and Robertson lots.

With the rise of crime around campus this year, safety issues are a valid reason for the early time due to the dramatic decrease in the student population, but it is not enough to prohibit one more night of stay. Other students stay on campus longer than seniors throughout the year, such as theatre students and athletic teams.

Athletes constantly stay on campus over breaks because of practices and games; basketball and wrestling teams have stayed more than two weeks over the winter. The amount of students on campus in these instances is far less than the population of the senior class, yet they stay on campus almost twice as long. Also, the seniors have been on campus the entire week before Commencement, so what is one more night?

Considering breaks, the departure time for students is always the day after the last day of classes. Graduation can be considered the grand finale of classes because presence is crucial. Therefore, one more night should be available to students.

If the administration and housing are so concerned about safety, maybe it needs to look at driving conditions. Many students far from Allentown, which can be as long as a seven-hour drive. This is a lot of time to think. Why is the administration allowing the new alumni to drive home during such an emotional time?

Rushing to pack after the Commencement ceremony may not leave much time to emotionally realize the conclusion of their Muhlenberg career, but hours in the car does. Driving through tears (Seniors, you have to admit you will miss "the bubble") on a highway cannot constitute a safe drive. Teary eyes can have the same effect as being under the influence. Another night on campus will allow seniors to let emotions flow without endangering lives behind the wheel of a moving vehicle.

Ultimately, the reason to extend the move-out time to the following day is related more to the administration's relationship to its students than anything else. Setting the departure time at 6:00 p.m. only pushes the idea that the "Caring College" of which the seniors have been a part for the past four years is only caring until the diploma is given. Does it want to come across that way? I hope not. The administration has worked hard to ensure as much of an enjoyable and academically enhanced experience as possible throughout a student's life here, but one last bit of enjoyment is lost on one of the potentially most important nights in their previous four years. Real life is just hours away for most of them; why rush it a day?

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Executive Editor
Ben Veghte, Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
Kate Arney-Cimino, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
OPEN, Focus Editor
OPEN, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Johnny Canneto, Business Managers
Robin DeCicco, Asst. News Editor
Tiffany Kirk, Asst. OP/ED Editor
Jackie Starner, Sarah Smith, Dan McClung, Asst. Life! Editors
Tara DeMarzo, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Catherine Zell, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Amy Cookson, Copy Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Writer Manager
John Dunphy, Design Consultant
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom
(English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2005. All rights reserved.

New Greek Week event appears sexist

Allison Auclair
SPORTS EDITOR

When evaluating the essence of Greek Week, it is a time set aside for fraternity and sorority members to come together to compete and have fun while doing so. However, with the new regulations put in place by the Muhlenberg Pan-Hellenic council, Greek Week has become more complicated than ever. In an effort to make the events less competitive, Panhel has re-done the schedule of Greek Week in order to promote increased greek unity and less angst. Soccer and floor hockey, two events which used to be an integral part of the week, were completely removed. Instead they were replaced by a baking competition and a banner decorating contest.

Sure, baking is fun and artwork is interesting, but why such changes? While the fraternities are playing 3 point shootout games, home run derby, frisbee golf, billiards and dodge ball, the women are decorating little cookies and placing them into a baking device designed for a six year old. Don't get me wrong, the art of cooking is a skill and one that can be competitive, if done in an iron chef sort of manner. With all of the resources of the Muhlenberg Garden Room, an Iron Chef-like competition would have been much more clever, and far less degrading.

Greek Week should be a time in which the fraternities and sororities come together to celebrate unity. Sure, competition sometimes rears its ugly head in the best of us, but the fun outweighs all other aspects of the competition.

When events are split up and the women are doing different things than the men, unity begins to vanish. For non-gender specific events, such as bowling, basketball and volleyball, all fraternities and sororities were present to watch and cheer for one another. This wonderful display of unity was then followed by an art competition solely for the women. Why do the fraternities not have an art competition? Second, with all due respect to the skill of creating fine cuisine, why an Easy Bake Oven? The apparatus, which is constructed for juveniles, does the expertise of cooking no justice. While a good idea, the cook-off could have been constructed in the Garden Room or GQ in much less of a degrading manner, and more of a competition that required talent.

Until Panhel decides that they must once again reconstruct the events of Greek Week, the women will go off and paint a blank banner and bake in a children's oven and decorate cookies, while the men play competitive dodge ball. Because, of course, it's obvious the two former competitions are only suited for women, while the latter apparently a man's thing.

Cedar Crest Stage Company

Slam Jam
WANNA HEAR A POEM?

Original works performed by Cedar Crest College students inspired by Mos Def's Poetry Jam. Also featuring the Earthquake Step Team.

Arranged and Directed
by Linda Baas

Choreography by
Ellen Doyle

[illegible] • [illegible] • [illegible]

Limited engagement
April 14, 15, 16 at 8 pm
April 17 at 2 pm
Samuels Theatre

Call for Tickets
(610) 606.4608

Self Storage City

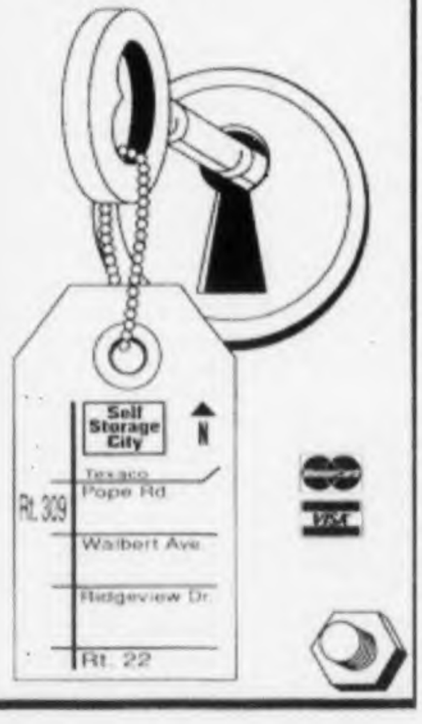
- Individual Door Alarms
- Climate Controlled Space
- Electronic Keypad Access
- 24-Hour Video Surveillance
- We Sell Locks, Boxes, Tape, Etc.
- Brand New Facility!

Located Right On
Route 309
3 Blocks North of Rt. 22

(610) 398-2700

www.selfstoragecity.com

Summer Break
Special
1/2 Month - Free!!



BEAUTY | FROM PAGE 2

it, and if you are a 5'11" model with feet to support your body, they will make you feet smaller.

Upon seeing the before shot, the audience thought the model was beautiful, but after the after shot was shown of an airbrushed model, the audience gasped at the difference between the two and found the before shot ugly. We are all the "before shot."

Do these airbrushing issues hit home at the College's SAGE due to the fact that women are airbrushed more than men? Or is it just that women have more details, and more complications, and more natural beauty that needs to be made unnatural?

Where Raphael and Michelangelo were the air brushers of the renaissance, Andrew Coppa is making art today. This is our art, and we love it. We love the mystery of the unattainable beauty in it. The people in the media don't recognize that we are all beautiful in our own way, and neither do we. They have created this unreachable goal, supermodel Sisyphus wannabes.

In the end it's not about beauty, it's not about being too thin, or just thin enough, or the virtual truth, but about selling the pictures—and we love to buy them. I just bought *Cosmo* today; have you?

SPRING | FROM PAGE 3

and the girls are in skirts and a tank top. Ironically, the current fashion trends reveal that each year the average lengths of a male's shorts grows longer and longer, while the average length of a female's skirt shrinks at an exponential rate. Also, has anyone else taken time to notice that the average size of sunglasses worn by the average female is increasing greatly in proportion to their face? This trend towards big sunglasses is causing- my grandmother (who has been wearing sunglasses larger than her face for thirty years) to feel trendy.

For the sake of all those in her retirement community, I can only pray that she does not attempt to complete the outfit with a short skirt. Even with all the negative associations to spring fever, I welcome the epidemic with open arms and wide eyes.

There is something about the spring that makes Muhlenberg feel like a genuine college campus (probably the fact that there are people outside during the day). In the end, Daylight Savings Time may be a grievance in the short run, but is beneficial once Spring hits. I wish I could think of a better way to end this column but it's nice outside, and I'm in "Rita's" withdrawal.

Brennan speaks about his resignation

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

Dr. James Brennan has resigned as Dean of the Wescoe School, effective Aug. 1. The following is an interview with him where he discusses his position and the College.

How long have you been at the Wescoe School?

Five years. I've been dean for the last three years.

What accomplishments have been made at the Wescoe School and how has it changed since you have been here?

We have built closer ties with departments on campus as well as with the business community. We continue to grow larger numbers of highly satisfied alumni. A big challenge is to continually achieve a balance of structure and flexibility for the standards of the institution and the needs of students.

Why did you decide to leave the school?

After three years, I'm ready to do more of my own work to immerse myself more in the field of emotional intelligence and its influence on high performance. I hope to write a book about this in the next year.

What do you see as the future of the Wescoe School?

I see a bright future for the Wescoe School in strengthening its alliances with the College. We are in a great strategic position to help Muhlenberg College establish more meaningful ties with the community while at the same time meeting the educational needs of many local citizens.

What do you think about the state of Muhlenberg College?

When I look ahead I get excited about the plans for more interdisciplinary learning. I think that our 18-year-old freshmen are arriving with a more cross cultural, international perspective; and they want to be prepared to leave as adults who can live effective lives in a global community.

College is seen as a vault where knowledge is held and you take some out. The proliferation of technology, especially the World Wide Web, has created an outside-in pressure.

The effect is for colleges to be more of a crucible where students have the chance to experiment with beliefs and values and actions and relationships in order to find out who they are.

So the biggest change is that curriculum is more interdisciplinary and the greatest intellectual stimuli are coming from the outside in.

This is under the guidance of the Provost. It's been a privilege for me to be a senior leader at Muhlenberg College and to share the responsibility for the Wescoe School with such a talented and dedicated staff.

James Brennan, Dean of the Wescoe School, has resigned to move on to other endeavors.

Photo by Michelle Sartor

A Philadelphia University MBA — your ticket to the world.

Students from around the country are pursuing their MBA at Philadelphia University. How about you?
Apply now to the One-Year Day MBA Program. Call 215.951.2943 or visit us at www.PhilaU.edu/graduate

*"I just come back from the most amazing business trip to India with my MBA class.**

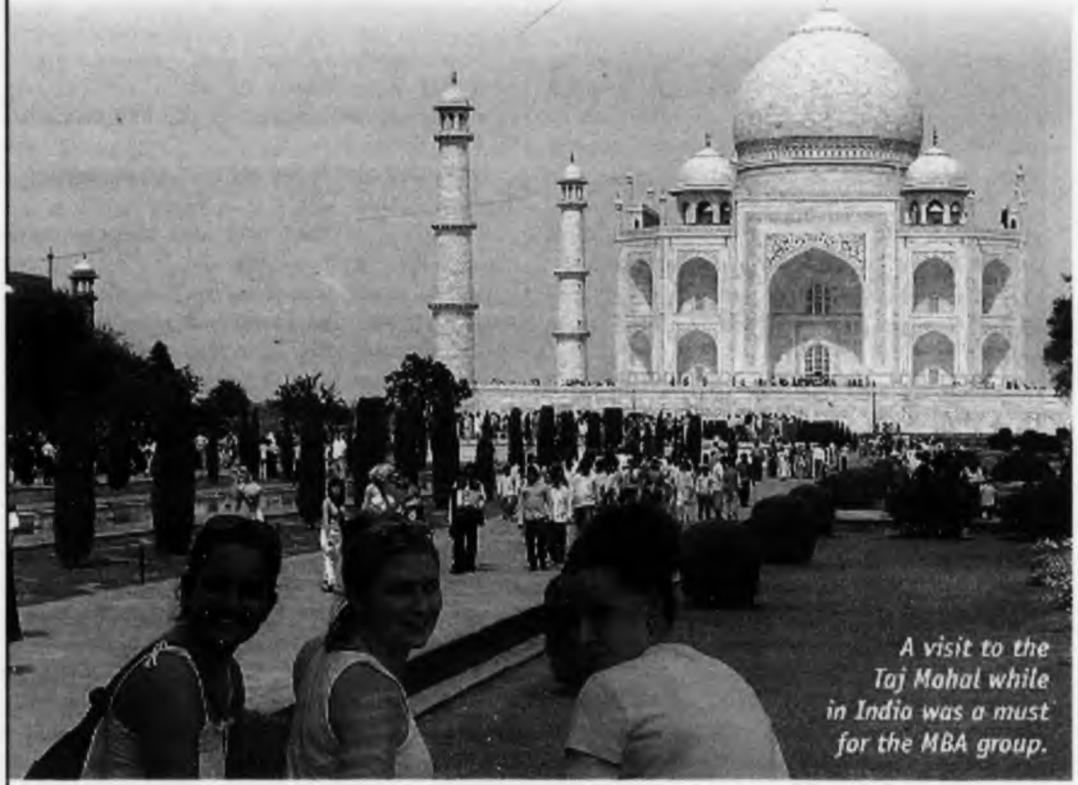
Classroom theory came to life for me as I got to experience the culture of one of the world's most dynamic marketplaces. I wouldn't have missed this for the world."

Jennifer Richards *(pictured far left)*
MBA, Philadelphia University '05, BS, SUNY-Brockport '04

**An international business trip is part of the curriculum for each MBA student. Previous destinations have included Shanghai, Milan, Prague, Warsaw and the Czech Republic.*

PHILADELPHIA
UNIVERSITY

School House Lane & Henry Avenue • Philadelphia, PA 19144-5497
215.951.2700 • www.PhilaU.edu



A visit to the Taj Mahal while in India was a must for the MBA group.

MEAL PLAN

FROM PAGE 1

new component referred to as dining dollars.

According to Gerchman, dining dollars is "money attached to the meal plan" and is "specific to the meal plan during meal plan periods."

He explains that one benefit to dining dollars is that "at GQ instead of using an extra swipe" if you happen to be a little over the allotted meal equivalency, "you can use dining dollars to pay for the rest."

Each of the six new mean plans has a certain amount of dining dollars attached. Dining dollars can also be used at Java Joe's and the Powerhouse Café.

One of the six new meal plans, Freedom, has unlimited meals in the Garden Room and a meal equivalency in the GQ for any two meals per day.

Gerchman is "anxious to see how the Freedom plan will pan out." Students will be choosing meal plans for next semester at the general housing lottery where informational brochures will be available.

Gerchman emphasized that the new program is for students "to not have to worry about how many meals you consume."

Ehrenberg hopes the new meal program is as "simple and understandable as possible to everyone," and stresses that at the end of next semester, "surveys and focus groups will meet and make changes if necessary."

Ehrenberg said the new Lifestyle Meal Program is a "21st century change" for the College's students.

While much progress has been made in designing the new meal plan, the Student Council dining committee and the College will continue clarifying the details of the plan this semester. The entire Student Body is welcome to make suggestions to the dining committee about the new meal plan.

Corrections

In the April 7 issue of *The Weekly* the article entitled "Dean of Wescoe School resigns" James Brennan, Dean of the Wescoe School was incorrectly named as Brennen.

In the article entitled "Student Council representatives elected" in the April 7 issue, it was stated that nine Student Council representatives ran unopposed. Instead, nine Class Council members ran unopposed.

In the April 7 issue in the chart labeled "Student Council Election Results," Drew Stocker '06 was listed as the 2006 Secretary. That position is vacant at this time. Emily Aquila, Class of 2007 Secretary was incorrectly named Aquilaz.

The Weekly apologizes for any inaccuracies incurred within our pages, and we strive to print only accurate information. If you encounter incorrect information, please inform the Editor-in-Chief at weekly@muhlenberg.edu.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	⛅	⛅
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 32	High: 57 Low: 33	High:62 Low: 42

EDUCATION

FROM PAGE 1

department.

They also took time to interview students currently enrolled in the education program, in order to find out what has been working well and what needs improvement.

Additionally, students who graduated from the Education Department at the College came back to share their support with the College.

Susan Byrne, Director of Student Teaching said, "We enjoyed seeing students who already graduated from the program come back. It was so much fun to hear these students praise the strong foundation they received from the College and the Education Program."

The aim of the Pennsylvania Department of Education has always been to educate students of the Department of Education to achieve teacher certification and professional competence.

In the past, the College's Department of Education has been known for its reputation in the state of Pennsylvania for being a rigorous and superior program, and this year's review continues to boast this reputation according to Dr. Michael Carbone, Head of the Education Department.

The College has yet to receive the final report, but the preliminary exit report from the state shows that the College sustains an exceptionally successful and thorough Education program.

The final report will arrive during the fall, which will specifically criticize and/or praise each department that they reviewed. The report will be all-encompassing and provide the details of the evaluation.

After receiving this report, the College will then have a chance to respond back to them, in order to express their agreement or disagreements with the critiques.

Although the Education Department was in charge of putting this three-day affair together, the entire Campus Community lent their time and support to make sure that this review went smoothly and successfully.

According to Cathy Kim, Coordinator of Professional Programs in the Education Department, "This was an occasion in which the whole community came together to make sure the review was a success. The dining services, OIT, plant operations, campus safety and the bookstore all worked exhaustively to produce a quality review."

Carbone, said, "The department was cited by the Education State Department Representative, Dr. Paul Dronsfield, as the best of 39 reviews that he has done."

The Department of Education has truly made its mark in the College as having the highest standards in all of Pennsylvania.

Carbone said, "The department passed with flying colors."

The Department of Education will not undergo any significant changes. If any are made, they will be minor and will be determined after the final report is received.

> *"The department was cited by the Education State Department Representative, as the best of 39 reviews that he has done."*
>
> Dr. Michael Carbone
> Head of the Education Department

OFF CAMPUS

ALLENTOWN'S LABOR CONTRACT OVERTURNED

ALLENTOWN, PA – A Lehigh County judge has rejected an attempt by Allentown City Council to overturn an arbitrator's public safety labor contract for the second time in four months.

On Monday, Judge Lawrence J. Brenner dismissed council's separate appeal of a seven-year labor pact awarded firefighters.

The ruling will force council to decide whether to appeal Brenner's dismissal to Commonwealth Court.

The FOP had sought to force the city to enact its new four-year contract, including granting officers cost-of-living pay hikes and reducing their contributions to the city pension fund, while council pursues its Commonwealth Court appeal of that labor pact.

FOP will continue to fight council's challenge of its contract at the appeals court level.

At stake in both cases are the future wages, benefits and pension costs of two employee groups that together make up more than 52 percent of the city's $67 million 2005 budget.

PREGNANT GIRL STABBED TO DEATH

ALLENTOWN, PA – A 15-year-old pregnant girl was stabbed and killed on Sunday in center city Allentown in the 400 block of N. Fourth Street.

The baby, delivered by caesarean section, died two hours later.

The girl's mother was also stabbed and injured during the attack.

Police arrested and charged the girl's neighbor, Yukelka Contreras, 25, with two counts of homicide. She was sent to Lehigh County Prison.

The girl, Liz Diane Soto, was pronounced dead about 11:15 p.m. at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

She was enrolled in the Second Chance program for pregnant teens at Allen High School and was 8 months pregnant at the time of the attack.

The baby died at 1:44 a.m. Monday from a lack of oxygen as a result of his mother's stab wound to the chest.

Elizabeth Soto and Contreras, are said to have had a history of bickering on their porches.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

GREEK

FROM PAGE 1

dodge ball, ultimate Frisbee, tire toss and tug-of-war.

The women competed in 3 on 3 basketball, swimming, a game show, volleyball, bowling, a bake-off, lip sync competition and tug-of-war.

For the lip sync competition, Phi Mu performed a song from the Lion King called "Be Prepared", Alpha Chi Omega did a medley from *Footloose*, Phi Sigma Sigma performed to Avenue Q's "It Sucks to be Me" and Delta Zeta performed to "Footloose" the song.

Phi Sigma Sigma took first in the competition, Delta Zeta took second, Alpha Chi Omega took third and Phi Mu placed fourth.

Rachel Silberman '05, a member of Phi Mu was part of the lip sync competition. She said, "Although it's a big time commitment, lip sync is a lot of fun because I love performing, and it's fun to see all the other sororities perform too."

The winners of Greek Week were Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp), followed by Delta Tau Delta (DTD), Phi Kappa Tau (PKT) and Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi), for the men.

For the women, Delta Zeta won, followed by Alpha Chi Omega, Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Mu.

Rob Brennan '07, a member of PKT, said, "It was a great opportunity for me to meet other members of the Greek Community."

> *"It was a great opportunity for me to meet other members of the Greek Community."*
>
> Rob Brennan '07
> Member of Phi Kappa Tau

While participation in the events was limited to members of the fraternities or sororities, many non-Greek members of the College Community watched and cheered as audience members.

Campfield lamented "that more of the Student Body didn't come out to watch the rivalry—it was a really good show for most events. We really tried to include the rest of the students, not just Greeks, by advertising the schedule in Parents' Plaza and hosting the Greek Week dance in the Garden Room."

Garabedian pointed out that some events, like the lip sync contest, were not just about mature competition or bringing students together, but about helping others.

By requesting a donation at the door, the Greeks raised $250 for Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley. Turning Point is an outreach center for abused women and their children. Their headquarters is located in Allentown.

Both Garabedian and Campfield point to this year as an important and positive step in Greek Life on campus.

According to them, the success of Greek Week and the fun experienced were complimented by friendly competition, unity and community service.

Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 5 – Harassment – Two students were involved in a girlfriend/boyfriend dispute. The victim did not want to go through the judicial process.

Apr. 5 – Harassment – Student on student harassment was referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 6 – Drug Possession – Students in Walz Hall were caught smoking marijuana in their room. A bong was also found. The students have been referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 7 – Theft from Vehicle – A student reported that a tire was stolen from his car that was parked in the Martin Luther parking lot. It appears that a rock was put underneath the frame of the car to steal the tire.

Apr. 7 – Harassment – There was a report of student on student harassment in South Hall involving roommates. The victim did not want to go through the judicial process.

Apr. 7 – Simple Assault and Vandalism – Two roommates in the Tremont Apartments got into a fight, and property was broken. The incident has been referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 7 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 432 Albright St. due to cooking.

Apr. 7 – Found Property – A bicycle was found in East Hall. Campus Safety is trying to find the owner.

Apr. 7 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in Robertson Hall due to burnt toast.

Apr. 8 – Vandalism to Vehicle – The windshield wiper arms were broken off a vehicle parked in the 23rd St. parking lot.

Apr. 8 – Disturbance – An intoxicated student was found in Seegers Union refusing to pay for his food. He has been referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 8 – Safety Hazard – A package leaking chemicals arrived on campus. The chemical was identified as methyl purple indicator, which is not hazardous.

Apr. 8 – Institutional Vandalism – A student left a laptop computer in a lounge in Robertson Hall. While it was there, someone knocked soda onto it.

Apr. 8 – Injured Student – A student sustained an injury to the big toe on the right foot in Seegers Union. The student did not want transport to the hospital, so EMS suggested a trip to the Health Center in the morning.

Apr. 9 – Theft from Building – A student reported her purse stolen from the Garden Room. It was later determined that the student's roommate had picked up the purse because she thought the student had left the building.

Apr. 9 – Theft from Building – A student reported his mail being stolen. The possible mail theft is under investigation.

Apr. 9 – Harassment – Harassment involving two MW Wood employees occurred.

Apr. 9 – Vandalism to Vehicle – The antenna was broken off a student's car that was in the Phi Kappa Tau parking lot.

Apr. 10 – Suspicious Person – A student reported that a white male entered her room in Martin Luther Hall. He was in his 20s, approximately 5'10" and medium build. The students in the room believe he was intoxicated because they smelled alcohol. They think he might have thought he was in his own room because he began getting ready for bed. When the students yelled at him, he put his shirt back on and left the room.

Apr. 10 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in Memorial Hall of the Life Sports Center due to the concert setup.

Apr. 10 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2317 Liberty St. due to cooking.

Apr. 10 – Harassment and Failure to Comply – Students were found throwing water balloons from the second floor annex of Prosser Hall. All the students involved will be referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 11 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in East Hall due to burnt popcorn.

Apr. 11 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2214 Chew St. due to cooking.

Apr. 11 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A student reported his car that was parked in the Martin Luther parking lot had been damaged. It appears that another student pulling into the spot next to the vehicle hit it. Both parties agreed to work the situation out themselves because the damage was minor.

A NEW Meal Program
To Match Your Lifestyle

Look for Brochure on the rollout of the
NEW Lifestyles Meal Program!

Brochures will be available **Friday, April 15th** at each of the dining venues and the Information Desk. You will want to review this before attending the General Housing Lottery.

You gave us your 2¢
We're giving you
change!

Look for details on the Web too! http://www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/wood/

Meal Plan Selection will be part of the General Housing Lottery and staff will be on site to answer any questions and assist you in choosing the plan that vest meets your Lifestyle.

If you were housed prior to the General Lottery through the special needs process, the Group Interest process, in a Greek House, as a RA/RL or a roommate of a RA/RL or though the MILE lottery to live in Tremont Apartments or a MILE Property, you will have to select a meal plan from the *NEW Lifestyles Meal Program*.

If you are a commuter or have elected to live off campus, while you are not required to be on a meal plan, the *NEW Lifestyles Meal Program* has been designed to offer you the opportunity to take advantage of great flexibility at each of the dining venues across campus, not just the Garden Room and the General's Quarters.

Beat the LSAT price increase!

The tuition for the #1 LSAT course will go up $50 on May 3, 2005.

LSAT classes starting now for the June exam.
Enroll early and save for the October exam.

KAPLAN

Test Prep and Admissions

1-800-KAP-TEST
kaptest.com/lsat

Higher test scores guaranteed or your money back**

*LSAT is a registered trademark of the Law School Admission Council. **Conditions and restrictions apply. For complete guarantee eligibility requirements, visit kaptest.com/hsg. The Higher Score Guarantee applies only to courses taken and completed within the United States and Canada.

Beat the MCAT price increase!

The tuition for the #1 MCAT course will go up $100 on May 3, 2005.

MCAT classes starting now for the August exam.

KAPLAN

Test Prep and Admissions

1-800-KAP-TEST
kaptest.com/mcat

Higher test scores guaranteed or your money back**

*MCAT is a registered trademark of the Association of American Medical Colleges. **Conditions and restrictions apply. For complete guarantee eligibility requirements, visit kaptest.com/hsg. The Higher Score Guarantee applies only to courses taken and completed within the United States and Canada.

WEEKLY
# life!

"Life isn't worth living unless you're willing to take some big chances and go for broke."

- Eliot Wiggington

DeGraw draws cheers and bras from crowd

Gavin DeGraw strikes a pose during his Saturday night performance.

PHOTO BY RACHEL KLIENER

By Amanda Phillips
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

With the pile of bras, handcuffs and various types of femine underwear onstage, the average concertgoer might have thought he was at some sort of fancy burlesque show last Saturday night in Memorial Hall. Instead, however, fans would have been pleased to find themselves at Gavin DeGraw's concert, which was held at 7 p.m. that night. Beyond (or despite) the handcuffs and underthings, the night proved to be an entertaining mix of music and performance that was light-hearted and amusing.

Opening act Michael Tolcher began the show with some of his original songs. While the crowd was only mildly receptive to these new songs, the energy experienced a significant rise when Tolcher launched into a rendition of the early 90's classic "Whoomp, There It Is." As Tolcher is mainly a guitarist, it was quite interesting to see him trouncing around the stage hip-hop style in his modest red t-shirt and faded jeans. Tolcher's performance continued to bring about crowd enthusiasm as he segued from his original music to classic tunes like Four Non Blondes' "What's Going On." When Tolcher finished his set he proceeded to go into the foyer of Memorial Hall to greet fans and sign autographs in his casual way.

Next up for the night was Jem, who opened up her set with "Come Closer," theme song from the film *Closer*. A petite figure, it was almost surprising to hear how much power was behind her haunting, Dido-like sound. While Jem's performance was technically appealing, the energy level seemed to die down somewhat during her set. A few covered or some harder-edged sounds would have been more appropriate given the situation.

After a long wait, and as the crowd thickened, around 9:00 p.m. DeGraw took the stage, opening with "Just Friends." Almost immediately into his set, a light blue brassiere was flung near the baby grand where DeGraw sat. With a wry smile on his face, DeGraw held up the underthing, saying "thank you for the bra...this is nice...it's just my size." It was DeGraw's dry sense of humor and shy smile that brought even more screams from the young crowd.

By the end of the evening, piled atop of DeGraw's piano were an array of underthings and toys of an erotic nature--certainly not the usual for a singer-songwriter type concert. And while the concert certainly was not a burlesque show, there was no shortage of female fans who went crazy over DeGraw removing his button down shirt to reveal his t-shirt underneath. Some members of the crowd themselves had quite interesting t-shirts, including a collection of giggling young girls who wore homemade shirts stating "Gavin is MMgood" in puffy paint.

Part of DeGraw's appeal to this younger crowd lies in his music, certainly, and even his looks, but also in the way in which he played with the crowd. Dangling a set of handcuffs in the air, DeGraw announced "there's a new sheriff in town," and launched into his song "Cop Stop." It was this gentle flirting with the audience that made fans even more enthralled.

This is not to say that DeGraw focused on being a hearthrob. On the contrary, DeGraw was all about his music and having fun with the performance. Prior to one song, DeGraw described a scene from a bar where he was not that attracted to a girl he saw, and she felt the same way about him. However, after a few rounds of drinks, his feelings changed. DeGraw then launched into "Sometimes You

SEE **GAVIN** | PAGE 11

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT'S IN YOUR POCKET?

"Ipod."

-Justin Kelton '05

"Hey, a brand new *Dynamics* CD, and you can get one too."

-Dan Lagstein '08

"Lots of money Puerto Rican style and keys to my ride."

-Lex Mercado '07

"Amanda Palmer."

-Caffery Garff '06

"A nickel."

-Elyse Ettin '08

Gavin givin' his time

Despite being a famed singer, Gavin DeGraw is modest of his accomplishments.

PHOTO BY RACHEL KLEINER

By Amanda Phillips
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

When describing someone who likes to play with remote controlled cars, toy with slingshots, and do other "guy stuff," one might think this was referring to your average ten-year-old boy. How many average elementary school students, however, have a number one hit song or are the object of affection for throngs of teenage girls? Not many. Thus enter the interesting mix that is Gavin DeGraw.

In a phone interview with DeGraw prior to the big show at Memorial Hall this past Saturday, DeGraw showed himself to be a pretty down-to-earth guy. Though life on the road is sometimes hard, DeGraw keeps his head about him by playing with his collection of jet fuel-powered remote controlled cars, among other toys.

Of course, DeGraw also spends much of his road time writing songs. While he does have random moments of inspiration, he also sets special time aside to write. "It's important to have some sense of discipline--the art just doesn't ooze out of you." DeGraw tries to combine "art and craft" in his songwriting.

Gavin cites his influences as mostly older musicians like The Beatles, Cream and Bob Dylan, although he says "I'm not sure why I gravitate to older material." He supposes that when he listens to this type of music, "I feel like I'm getting to know them a little bit more."

He uses his own songwriting as a way of exposing his emotions to his fans, though he recognizes that it is often nerve-racking to a degree. DeGraw states that "you take a chance every time you play a new song," in that he can never quite be sure what the reception will be.

Despite his rise to fame, he remains humble, saying that he is certainly not immune to everyday life. When asked if he ever had an embarrassing moment onstage, DeGraw replied "always--every time I show my face." DeGraw explained a situation in which he tripped over a barricade during a concert, but said that embarrassing situations are not really confined to any one time. DeGraw is also known to have fans who throw underthings on stage (see "DeGraw draws cheers and bras from crowd," page 9). When asked how he deals with this, he replied simply, "I run from the underwear--I dodge the underwear." DeGraw's comments such as these contain a trace of dry humor which would surely draw in any listener.

While DeGraw may or may not enjoy the onslaught of female undergarments onstage, he seems to enjoy being appreciated by his fans. DeGraw states that he does not usually get nervous before a show, but that he might if "Elvis makes it" to the event.

DeGraw rejects the notion of being a heartthrob, saying that he would rather that fans just appreciate his music instead. He says the only time he would rather not be well-known is when he's "sad," since he doesn't want his fans to see him as an unhappy person.

Overall, though, DeGraw seems like quite the content individual. After all, he is doing what he enjoys. If he wasn't making music though, he jokingly stated that he would mostly likely be "in the service--I always wanted to be G.I. Joe." He could certainly be a comedian as well.

Of course, only time will tell where DeGraw will end up, but it seems that if he keeps his humble attitude and sense of humor, things can only get better.

Relationships inspire Ryan Asher

By Marshall Slayton
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Muhlenberg singer/songwriter Ryan Asher recorded his new EP "Conscious Universe" over the span of three months, running in and out of the studio from August to November. His finished product has quite an impressive sound--a blend of intricate guitar riffs laced with sugar-coated piano melodies. Pop the CD in your friend's car, they'll never guess it hasn't sold a million copies.

For Asher, the album is his pass to play gigs. And it's definitely worked --this has been his busiest month ever, playing in packed coffee houses in Bethlehem.

"I love doing gigs," explains Asher. "When a person says they enjoyed my music, it's worth everything."

Very recently, he took part in a taping for the television show "The Stage," a program that interviews rising musicians. It will air in over ten different countries, and nearly 100 cities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The upcoming episode will feature a live performance of one of his new songs.

Showing some very obvious shades of Radiohead and Coldplay, Asher's style of mellow acoustic music pertains to both guys who like jazzy guitar riffs, and girls who enjoy emotionally-driven lyrics.

The album opens with "Lost in the Crowd," arguably his best song. The first series of guitar chords immediately hook the listener. The chorus is catchy, and his guitar playing is dead-on great. It's a track that best represents him as both a writer and musician. If there's one song that could possibly become a Billboard 100 single, this is it.

Following is "Universe," a song about a long-distance relationship. Asher describes the song as "the feeling you get when you're on the way to see someone you love, and you realize they're the center of your universe." The music itself feels somber and melancholy, but Asher's voice adds a kind of optimism that speaks over the gloominess of the instrumental melody.

Next is the more upbeat "No Compromise." He commences with a little distorted guitar and adds the African Djembe drum into the mix. The music itself is downright jazzy and hip, and Asher sounds like he's having a blast behind the microphone.

The final track is the "Swan Song," an appropriate follow-up. It's about saying goodbye to a rough relationship. Asher's trademark guitar licks are present, and so are his multi-layered chorus vocals. It ends the EP very well.

There's no doubt that if Asher were backed by a full band, he could do some real, serious damage. "I'm going to expand the EP," he reveals. "This is a taste of what's to come. I've experimented with new types of song styles, more upbeat, more catchy. My expanded vision will be all about the music."

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

The Amityville Horror
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Beauty Shop
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun.1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Fever Pitch
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30,10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Guess Who
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
Fri. 9:30

The Pacifier
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Robots
Fri. 4:10, 7:10
Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Sahara
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Sin City
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Acappelooza: *A raving party all its own*

By Sarah Smith
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Empie theatre was a buzz of excitement and anticipation as Acappelooza was about to commence on Saturday. Acappelooza, a festive, informal gathering of six Acappella groups from differing states along the East coast, was a forum of skilled and highly varied repertoire.

It extended comradeship amongst the groups and worked to raise funds for The Sixth Street Shelter. This group extends help to families looking to make a new start in life by providing housing, food and clothes for a significant amount of time until they are ready to be on their own.

Previously known as Acappellafest, a performance of acappella music of this scale hasn't happened for a while. Last year, none of the three existing groups on campus had the time to dedicate to its organization. However, this year, headed by the Girls Next Door, Acappellafest was brought to fruition.

Three groups from outside schools were invited to participate in the event.

The Conn-Men, an all male group from the University of Connecticut, were the first to respond with willingness. This singing ensemble was comprised of 9 men who performed a variety of music such as "The Wrong Me," "Here, There and Everywhere," "Harder to Breathe," and selections from Ben Folds.

They combined innate charm with terrific vocal blends to swoon the audience and elicit purchases of their t-shirts and cds.

The Penn-harmonics, a co-ed group from Penn State, also shown with brilliancy during their performance. With a beat boxer who was out of this world and an ensemble with distinct character all their own, the 14 performers 'wowed' the audience with their rendition of "Brain Damage and Eclipse" by Pink Floyd. They translated the song with the use of body motions and facial expression. At the end of it, they were greeted with rowdy applause and standing ovation.

The Echoes, an all female group from Lehigh University, perhaps had the poorest showing due to missing members. They performed many songs, but "Bohemian Rhapsody," a very complicated and hard to sing piece, was carried off quite well and received a warm response from the audience.

Three other groups performed that night and represented the College.

The Conn-Men perform a song by Ben Folds. Their lively singing is supported by the energetic vibe they give onstage.

PHOTO BY CASEY GASPARTICH

The Acafellas had been MIA from campus performances for most of this year. However, their performance on Saturday showcased their new confidence and impressed the audience with their improved sound and blend. Singing new songs such as "Centerfold" and "This Love," they should be proud of their skilled presentation and performance.

The Dynamics did not fail to impress the audience either as they seem to get better every time they get on stage. Amongst their many songs, "Rich Girl" tended to be the crowd pleaser as it supplied backup singers putting on sound booth like antics and stuble profanity.

The Girls Next Door introduced one of their new songs, "Material Girl" and ended with robotic like movements. They sang some of the most up beat songs "Let's Hear It for the Boy," "Shoop, Shoop," and "Independent Love Song." This group got the crowd moving in their seats and impressed them with their soft blend.

Overall, Acappelooza was a giant success. New ties were created between campuses and over one hundred and sixty dollars was collected and donated to The Sixth Street Shelter.

Hopefully next year, there will be a repeat performance of this vibrant

Sex: What the heck is it?

By Christina Liciaga
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

IN THE
NUDE

Dr. Keesling ends *Super Sexual Orgasm* (*SSO*) reflecting that "sex is about two human beings experiencing pleasure in equal measure, on equal ground." Yet *SSO* only applies to coitus, which is an unfortunate but common misunderstanding of sex. In fact, coitus and copulation are often similarly defined as sexual intercourse.

It seems debilitating if sex is only understood as the physical union of male and female genitalia, whereby the man's penis is inserted into the woman's vagina and excited until orgasm and ejaculation for the purposes of sexual procreation.

Anthropologically, sex has always been combined with natural selection, and thus understood as a means of reproduction. In this theory, the end of producing positively selected offspring is more important than the act.

Although logical, this argument begs the question of pleasure. Individuals in several animal kingdoms engage in both heterosexual and homosexual relations with no recourse of offspring; what is to be said of these interactions? And, perhaps more sinisterly, with the capabilities of science we have been able to merge sperm and egg outside of the body and produce healthy offspring--is that sex?

Admittedly, as a senior at the College, the reality of the ends of sex, i.e. reproduction, are not central to my sexual aims. My hope is that sex can be more than the creation of offspring; that sex is a total range of urges and instincts manifest in physical behavior.

Foucault's "dynamics" describes the actions of the aphrodisia in achieving and supplying pleasure. His notion of sexuality is that these actions combine with the attraction of pleasure and the force of desire.

More simply, Foucault distinguished physiological sex--the aphrodisia's actions--with the meaning of the sexual act, caused by desire, and simultaneously filtered and propagated by discourse.

In our present society, Foucault's idea that sexuality has been a balancing act between discourse and repression, and thus a power struggle over what can be said and what can be done, seems ever more apparent.

An ex-partner of mine introduced me to a new arena of sex discourse as he would detail the enjoyable sex we were having, even though he never "knew me" in the biblical sense. I wasn't sure how to respond to his claims and didn't know what he meant--but fear of inexperience kept my questions silent.

I refuse to believe the traditional definition that sex = coitus. As pointed out by a CBS reporter reviewing 4Parents.gov, a sex site operated by the Department of Health and Human Services et al, a "misinformation campaign" is not sexually helpful.

This site listed sexual intercourse as "erect penis of the male enter[s] the vagina of the female." And then, as an afterthought, "includes anal and oral sex."

Interestingly, report conducted by the Journal of Adolescent Health, noted 72 percent of 797 randomly selected college students had engaged in sex: 64 percent was vaginal, 69 percent (ironically) was oral, and 11 percent was anal. This suggests that oral and anal sex are valid to a definition of sexual intercourse, not an afterthought.

What makes sex, sex? And perhaps, most importantly, who decides? Do the persons in the act configure their own definition, or is it written somewhere in a code of social etiquette?

It seems, that perhaps Freud was right in thinking sex is a combination of sexual instinct, sexual object and sexual aim. You decide what sex is for you.

And, if you get stuck, the CDC's most recent definition is almost all-inclusive: sex is "contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus involving penetration, however slight; contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva or anus; or penetration of the anal or genital opening of another

horoscopes

By Mme Emma Nordica and the writers of *Starsky and Hutch*

Aries

"Your nuts are yours, your nuts are yours."

Don't let anyone else tell you otherwise. If someone tries to threaten to take your nuts, fight back and refuse to let that happen. Take some Tae Kwon Do classes or karate to brush up on your kung fu skills. Or those kickboxing workout videos can be really helpful too. They teach you how to jab, among other things.

Taurus

"Well I'm not like many people. I'm not a crier, I don't cry, I work out. I have a job, I have hobbies..."

It's okay if you cry. Everyone needs a little emotional relief at times, no matter what gender stereotypes may say. You can still retain your standard of 'cool,' but don't forget to indulge in your sensitive side a little. Walk in the park for some self reflection and enjoy an inward look.

Gemini

"Hey, how are you doing? I'm Kansas and this is my little man, Toto."

Way to go, but those 'state' names such as Kansas went out of fashion a long time ago along with tapered sweatpants. Apologies to anyone who has the name Virginia or Dakota. Seriously, I would recommend changing your name. It could have bad repercussions.

Cancer

"That's for putting hands on Huggy Bear.*Nobody* touches the Bear, you dig?"

Take this as a warning that some people have a personal bubble. It's an area of space around them on which they don't like others to intrude. Realize that not everyone is as comfortable with contact as you are and just take this into consideration and give them a little space.

Leo

"It was our buddy Bill Shakespeare who said, 'To err is human, but to forgive that's right on.'"

Have you been holding a grudge over one of your friends lately or not really given them a chance to make up for something they've done? Give them the benefit of the doubt and forgive them for what they did. Be the bigger person.

Virgo

"You can lose keys, you can lose your wallet. How do you lose a plane?"

It's getting towards the end of Spring semester 2005 and everyone is a little stressed and scattered-brained. There is a lot to do in very little time, that things big and small are easily forgotten on the wayside. Perk up! You're almost done!

Libra

"That ain't a kid, it's a tiny man... And he's got knives."

Sometimes the smallest people can have the biggest bite and boldest actions. Just look at Napoleon, he was a prime example of someone with a lot of courage. So for you small folk out there, listen up. Way to strutt your stuff and have some attitude. You make your prescence known wherever you go.

Scorpio

"Crime called in sick, it's gonna get a late start too."

Having trouble waking up for those 9:30 classes or even at 10? This is the time when teachers tend to see a depletion in class attendence due to nicer days and better party weather. It's hard to whip your butt off the green to drag yourself to class, but you've got to do it. Take a few stress days, but don't completely slack off.

Sagittarius

"If you've got a problem with someone, you tell it to their face. You come to them as a man."

This should be a rule that everyone lives by. Being mad and not telling the person why, or saying, "They should know," does nothing to remedy the situation. Call the person or meet with them; tell them that you are upset. We are all out of high-school and should act like it.

Capricorn

"Will you do my back, please. I don't wanna tan weird, am I tanning weird?"

To those of you who sit on the many lawns here and tan shirtless, in tank tops, or even dare to don the bathing suit, just remember to watch the power of the sun. Lately, I've been seeing some burnt faces around campus, due to advising and sports. So, lotion it up baby!

Aquarius

"This yacht, this perm, my kid's braces: it all costs money."

As does this freakishly expensive school on which we all meander. Seriously, sometimes I wonder where they get the guts to jack it up so much. All I know is make that money spent worth it. You are studying hard and are really hitting the books. Good job for you!

Pisces

"Will you stop that. That voice makes you sound crazy."

You may think that you're antics are funny, that your friends find you funny, that the world finds you funny. But in reality, you are so wrong. Your weird actions only creep your amigos out and does nothing to further any other love you may seek. Be yourself, please.

GAVIN | FROM PAGE 9

Need a Few Drinks to Fall in Love." Halfway through the song, his band joined him behind the piano in typical bar song style. The song, while hilarious, most likely rang true with many members of the audience. DeGraw's gift is that he can take the everyday emotions and actions of day-to-day living and make them into music that is both pleasing to the ear as well as true to life.

DeGraw played such fan favorites from his album *Chariot* as "Crush," "I Don't Wanna Be"--the theme song from One Tree Hill, "Follow Through" and a rousing rendition of "Chemical Party." "Chemical Party" segued into a cover of Credence Clearwater Revival's "Proud Mary," during which DeGraw and bandmates danced over the stage. DeGraw's dancing can be likened to Dorothy of the Wizard clicking her heels three times in order to get home. It was oddly charming, but also awkward at the same time.

Towards the end of his set, DeGraw did as the typical performer does, exiting the stage in a fake finale, before waiting for the crowd to "persuade" him into an encore. Despite this slighly annoying practice, it was well worth the wait to hear "Relative," and finally the title track of DeGraw's first album, "Chariot." Ending with a bang, DeGraw and band left the stage to perpare for the Meet and Greet that was held after the concert.

Although the crowd was a little too much the boy-band type, and despite a few sickening moments of self-satisfaction on the part of DeGraw (at one point DeGraw went into the front lines of the audience to be groped in a move that was strictly Justin Timberlake), the concert was indeed an enjoyable experience.

There was nothing too deep about it, and yet it was DeGraw's easy attitude toward performing that made the audience feel comfortable.

By exposing average emotions in a musical way and by keeping things low key but high energy, the show yielded happy faces on most in attendance, and a lot of extra bras for DeGraw's collection.

Session I Starts May 23!

MUHLENBERG
SUMMER STUDY

Register Now

It's the perfect time to catch up or move ahead!

A wide selection of 4-, 6- and 10-week courses available, including:

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Asian Traditions
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilization
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Science
- History
- Mathematical Sciences
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Spanish
- Studio Arts

FOR MORE INFORMATION

contact The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College at 484-664-3300 or visit:

www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/summer

Registrations accepted: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m. to noon

Mules falter against Diplomats

By Shannon Donohue
Weekly Sports Writer

Scoreboard:
4/9 Franklin and Marshall L 10-2

MEN'S LACROSSE

After a steady streak of wins, including two in overtime play, the Mules have begun to struggle.

Last week, they fell to Centennial Conference competition Haverford College. This week, they were defeated by the seventeenth-ranked Franklin and Marshall College, who are seventeenth in the nation and first in the Centennial Conference.

The Mules went up against Franklin and Marshall College, losing ten to two.The Mules struggled offensively and the only goals of the game were seen from Juniors Justin Hollander and Galen Marsh. This was Marsh's first goal of the season.

The Mules were out-shot 29 to nineteen, and failed to capitalize on many man-up situations.

Sophomore goalie Gavin Crescenzo made twelve saves in the Centennial Conference loss. Last week, against the Haverford College Fords, he tied his career high of eighteen saves.

Crescenzo leads the team in saves, his total well over 60 for this season alone.

The Mules face Kenyon College this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and Centennial Conference competition Swarthmore College on Apr. 20.

Swarthmore College is ranked sixth in the Centennial Conference with a 4-4 record overall and a 1-2 record in the Centennial Conference.

The Mules are optimistic coming off of their last game. "We hope to capitalize on all of our strengths and continue on playing well," said Freshman Will Boss.

"Ideally, we want to win the remainder of our Conference games and go on to playoffs," Boss continued. "We have a strong team, between the power of our upperclassmen and the talent of the freshmen and sophomores, we definitely have the ability to finish the season on a very high note."

Though the Mules are ranked eighth in the Centennial Conference with a 0-3 record, they have a 6-4 record overall.

BASEBALL

FROM PAGE 14

innings, and the Mules made a solid effort in the last inning. After Long walked, Tobia slammed a two-run home run, and the offense could not get it back from there, coming up short 10-4.

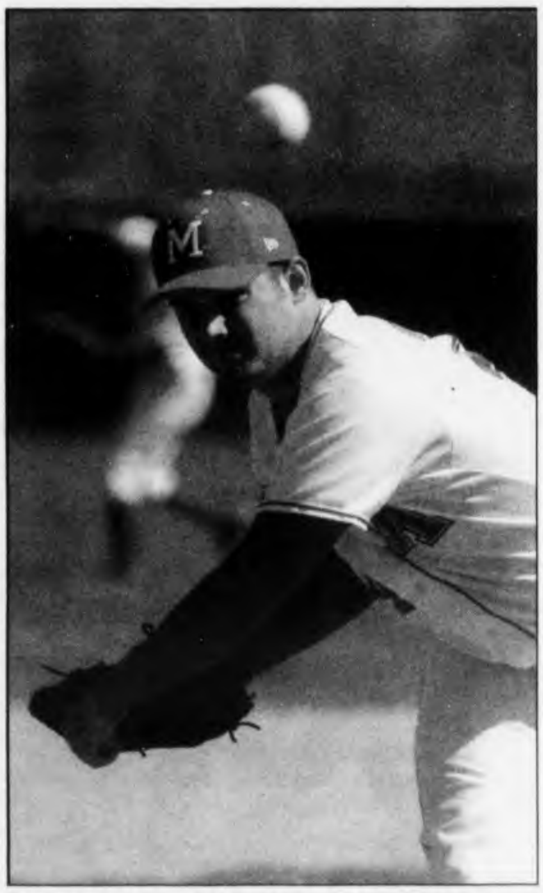
The second game was tighter by one run. This time the Mules gained the lead first, scoring in the second inning when Tobia doubled and Freshman Joe Carlo singled, then took second off an error, which subsequently plated Tobia.

The two teams went back and forth as the Shoremen scored in the second and then a Tobia home run regained the Mules' lead in the fourth. Washington retook the lead in the bottom of the inning and extended it to 6-2 with runs in the fifth, seventh and eighth.

The Mules managed only one more run on the day when Hart doubled and was advanced by a groundout from Junior Mike Goin. Hegstrom put the ball in play to the Shoremen's center fielder. His error sent Hart home. The Mules lost to the Shoremen, 8-3.

On Friday, the Mules will play away against Ursinus College. Ursinus is ranked second in the Centennial Conference. They have a 7-7 record overall and a 6-2 record in the Conference.

On Saturday, the Mules play at home against fifth-ranked Gettysburg College. Gettysburg has a 12-14 overall record and a 5-3 Conference record. They will wrap up their weekend by playing the tenth-ranked McDaniel College.



Sophomore Tom McDonald winds up to throw a pitch.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Named after Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the Henry Awards is an evening dedicated to recognizing great student, staff, and organization achievements on campus throughout the past year.
Congratulations to the 2005 Henry Awards nominees:

Female Athlete of the Year
Jenna Belisonzi
Kristen Bruschi
Gwen Doyle
Sarah Fosdick
Amy Schmidt

Male Athlete of the Year
Jon Brodowski
Jeff Kraft
Matt Loesch
Stephen Rothwell
Dave Seligman
Andy Wilkins

Female Greek Leader of the Year
Rebecca Chovnick
Elizabeth Einhorn
Meredith Freezer
Jen Garabedian
Meghan Horner
Erin Madigan
Amy Piccola
Lauren Wygonski

Male Greek of the Year
RJ Caras
Chris Catania
Adam Ford
Adam Nodiff
Nick Richardson
Michael Yellin

Helping Hand
Lauren Britton
Elizabeth Einhorn
Alex Joujan
Ryan Kavalsky
Kim Nguyen
Mike Posternack
Lauren Reifsnyder
Diana Robillard
Marc Rogol
Rachel Schein
Lauren Shetler
Lauren Teixeira
Amanda Thompson
Julia Zur

Organization of the Year
Cardinal Key Society
College Democrats
Gay Straight Alliance
Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council
Muhlenberg Activities Council
Muhlenberg Advocate
Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Services
Muhlenberg Dance Association
Muhlenberg Theatre Association
The Muhlenberg Weekly
SAGE
SEVEN
SHARE
WMUH

New Organization of the Year
BOOM
MAPA
SEVEN

Published Writer of the Year
Allison Auclair
Dana Kellog
Jeff Kraft
Christina Liciaga
Michelle Sartor

Rookie of the Year
Joe Brancale
Ryan Chapoteau
Rick Cohen
Brian Galgano
Brandon Giroud
Scott Gordon
Lisa Harrison
Paul Kegelman
Drew Krumholz
Blaine McFeeley
Will Porter
Lauren Reifsnyder
Greg Rose
Vanessa Rowan
Matt Sones
Jen Weaver

Unsung Hero
Mike Alexander
Amy Bornholdt
Allison Colino
Elizabeth Einhorn
Brendan Haney
Elizabeth Houtsma
Tracie Konopinski
Lisa Kowalski
Val Lykes
Sonya Martinez-Hunsicker
Kim Nguyen
Mike O'Rourke
Lauren Reifsnyder
Stephen Rothwell
Mike Schlossberg
Elizabeth Schmitt
Carolyn Schoen
Lauren Wiesner
Jack Witkowski
Michael Yellin

Trailblazer
Kevin Brydzinski
Drew Fleyzor
Kim Nguyen

Visual or Performing Artist of the Year
Suzanne Chi
Halley Cianfarini
Joel Frank
Matt Freeman
John Jannuzzi
George Psomas
Emily Stolarick

Visual or Performing Group of the Year
Copasetic Rhythms
CRUSH
Dynamics
Faculty Choreographed Dance Concert
Fantastapotamus
Fun with Eggs
The Girls Next Door
MDA
The Muhlenberg Improv Ensemble
Parables of Mutants and Madmen
The Perkulators
George Psomas (Re)singing from the Underspace
Six Meters
Soul Sound Steppers
Student Choreographed Concert Fall 2004

People's Choice: Faculty
Charles Anderson
Chris Borick
Mary Byrne
Susan Clemens
Ted Conner
Don Dale
Karen Dearborn
Marten Edwards
Hemchand Gossai
Trevor Knox
Chris Kovats-Bernat
Clif Kussmaul
Sam Laposata
Rich Niesenbaum
James Peck
Jeff Pooley
Lora Taub
Jeremy Teissere
Connie Wolfe

People's Choice : Support Staff

Bonnie Belknap
Loretta Carver
Arlene Gisolfi
Sally Harkins
Celia Kam
Arlene Vito

People's Choice: Management

Sam Beidleman
Monica Coco
Kent Dyer
Becky Grace
Robert Grobman
Chris Jachimowicz
Valerie Lane
Jill Lowery
Bev MacEwan
Plant Ops
John Pasquarello
Carolyn Ray
Thomas Sciarrino
Carol Shiner Wilson

People's Choice: Student Leader

Gregory Adams
Elizabeth Einhorn
Elizabeth Hamilton
Jessica Lauer
Kim Nguyen
Dee Ross
Mike Schlossberg
Lauren Wiesner
Mike Yellin

Not all lost in Conference defeats

By Tara DeMarzo
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

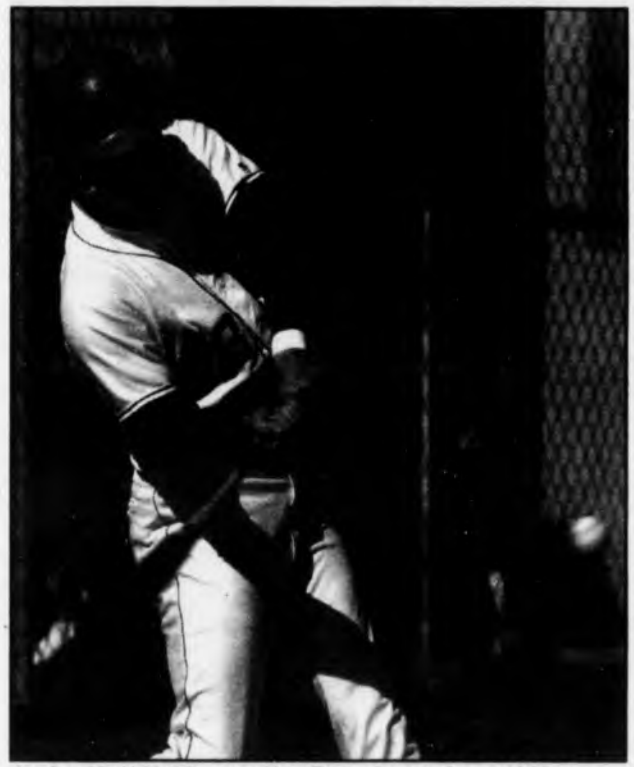
SCOREBOARD:
4/8 HAVERFORD W 7-6
4/9 WASHINGTON (M.D.)
L 4-10 L 3-8
4/12 URSINUS W16-6

BASEBALL

The Mules' 1-3 record on the week bumped them down to sixth place in the Centennial Conference, but not all was lost in the losses.

Junior Matt Tobia slammed three home runs in three games etching his name in College's record books as the first player to do so since 1967.

On the defensive end, Senior Gregg Burkhart hit a career milestone. His name is now first on the Mules career strikeout list, and he ranks eighth in Centennial Conference history striking out 186 batters in 177 career innings.



Junior Matt Tobia was the first player since 1967 to get three home runs in three games.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

The senior hurler and Sophomore Mike Hart were named to the Centennial Conference Honor Roll. Burkhart allowed only four hits and struck out eight in 8 2/3 innings versus Swarthmore College last week.

Hart also came up big in the Mules' sweep over Swarthmore College as he drove in the winning run in the bottom of the tenth of the first game and hit a two-run single in the sixth inning of the second game.

After a 21-1 loss against Haverford College, the Mules faced them again on Friday. In a nail-biting, extra-inning game the Mules came out with a victorious 7-6 win.

The Fords lit up the scoreboard first, plating a run in the top of the second, but the Mules broke it open in the bottom of the inning, answering back with five runs.

The first run of the inning was scored off an infield groundout. Junior Chad Hegstrom executed a suicide bunt plating the second. Sophomore Ryan Sassaman slammed a two-run single into left field and Senior Matthew Long closed out the inning's offensive explosion with a triple deep to right field.

Two more Haverford runs in the third put the score at 5-3, and when Sophomore A.J. Bettini tripled and then was hit in in the fourth, it was not enough of an insurance run for the Mules. Haverford fought back with a run each in the sixth and the eighth.

With two outs in the ninth inning, Haverford's Brandon Mills blasted a shot down the right field line where a sprinting Hegstrom fully extended himself towards what would be the game-ending out and just missed it in what seemed to be foul territory. Despite the unlucky, valiant Hegstrom effort, the Fords plated the tying run.

Senior Pete Lankarge got them out of the inning, and the meat of the Mules order stepped to the plate. Senior co-Captain Matthew Long drove a ball deep to center field; it was caught and the next two Mules grounded out, forcing the game into extra innings.

The bottom of the tenth inning was set up for a storybook ending. The game was tied at six all. Tobia stepped up to lead off the inning. The count was 1-1, there was the pitch, and then Tobia hit deep to left field and over the left field fence.

A smiling Tobia crossed the plate as the Mules sealed a payback victory over the Fords.

Burkhart pitched into the eighth inning and allowed only four hits on the day. His three strikeouts named him as the College's leader in career strikeouts.

The Mules traveled to Washington College (Md.) on Saturday and returned with two unfortunate losses to the Shoremen.

Washington started off the first with three runs, and the Mules answered back with one of their own when Hart walked, stole second and then was hit in by a Bettini double.

Two more Shoremen runs in the second extended their lead to 5-2. There was a similar set-up in the fourth as Hart again walked and again was hit in by classmate Bettini.

The Shoremen answered back with five more runs in the next two

SEE **BASEBALL** | PAGE 13

SOFTBALL

FROM PAGE 16

Becki Toth and Junior Tara DeMarzo who both tied a College record with four hits in that game.

"[Toth's] presence has definitely been felt this season. Defensively, she has a way of making the tough plays look easy." said Ruhling, "Offensively, she's really stepped it up as a lead off hitter whether we need her to get on base or to knock in a run. She's consistent, and we know we can depend on her to get the job done."

Toth is second in the College's record books for career hits. Her 171 career hits place her just one behind the College record holder Liz Billie '99.

Sophomore Tina Roth contributed three hits to the winning effort. Roth has been swinging a hot bat lately as she was five for her last eight in the double header with two doubles and posts a .600 batting average in the Centennial Conference games thus far.

"[Roth] has really stepped it up lately. She's one of our power hitters, and we need her in the lineup to bring in the runs," said Ruhling.

The Mules continued the onslaught with Junior Missy DeFrain knocking in two runs with a double in the sixth.

In the seventh DeFrain, Junior Kristina Cartolano and Roth each added RBI hits. DeFrain had two doubles and a single on the day with three runs batted in.

In the second game, the Mules lost to Franklin and Marshall College 3-1. Both teams scored a run in the second inning. The game remained tied until the ninth.

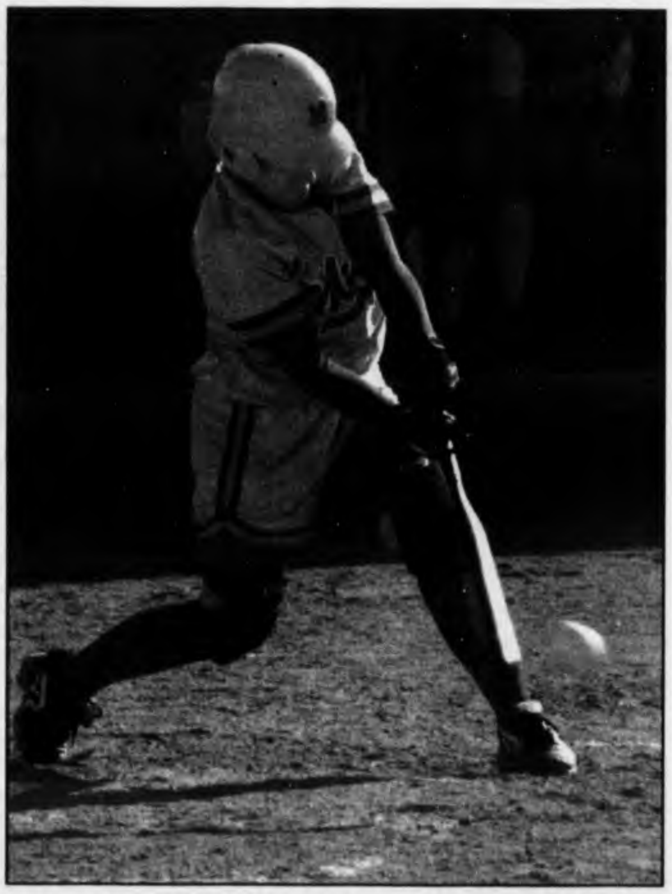
Cartolano spread five hits over seven innings in the losing effort in the second game of the doubleheader.

DeFrain, Roth, Toth and DeMarzo smacked doubles, which resulted in the lone Mules run. The Diplomats earned two runs in the final inning and pulled away with the game.

Ruhling summed up the past few games stating, "We are strong both offensively and defensively, but there have been times when we were unable to get runners across the plate."

"We need to bring our intensity to the plate more consistently to help our pitchers," said Ruhling. "They've been pitching really great--win or lose--and we need to stop stranding so many runners on base to help them out."

The Mules are heading into next week with an 8-11 record (2-2 in Conference play). The Mules have a tough week ahead with a crucial Conference game against Washington College (Md). The Shorewomen are ranked fourth with a a 3-3 record in the Conference. The Mules are currently ranked fifth.



Senior Becky Toth tied the College record for most hits in a game. Both she and Junior Tara DeMarzo hit four in this game.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Mules toss Garnet a major defeat

By Kristen Ziegler
Sports Editor

Scoreboard:
4/9 Swarthmore W 14-8

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

In the Centennial Conference game against Swarthmore College this week, not only did the Mules recover from their two losses in the previous week, but they also took home a 14-8 win.

Just 2:04 into the first period, Senior Christa Carlstrand scored the first goal. Garnet did not have a chance to recover before Junior Courtney Tapkas scored off of an assist from Sophomore Katie Reimann three minutes later.

Swarthmore came back at 9:47 with a goal from a free position shot.

Then Senior Amy Lanning knocked in a goal at 11:05. Carlstrand had the assist.

Swarthmore came back with another at 13:34, but they had less than 20 seconds to celebrate. Junior Steph Light knocked one in at 13:54.

Junior Jess Geiger and Freshman Taylor Armstrong each had a goal, with assist from Reimann and Tapkas, respectively.

After one more goal from Swarthmore, Carlstrand scored. By the end of the first half the Mules had a three-goal lead, 7-4.

Swarthmore closed the half with a goal at 29:07.

The second half began with a Garnet goal, but the Mules brought in another three goals within four minutes.

Geiger got a goal just 2:18 into the period. Carlstrand followed up with another goal just four minutes later. Reimann scored off of an assist from Tapkas just 30 seconds later.

Swarthmore tried to fight back, and they scored another goal at 41:53. The game was back and forth after that, with the Garnets scoring a goal and Mules scoring one immediately following.

Tapkas netted the final goal of the game. At 59:51, her unassisted goal brought the score to 14-8.

Geiger and Freshman Taylor Armstrong both had two goals in the game. Reimann, Senior Amy Lanning and Juniors Shannon Donohue and Steph Light had one each.

Donohue was recognized last week on the Centennial Conference Honor Roll. She had a career high of six goals against Bryn Mawr College. She had three assists versus Haverford College.

Last week, Donohue scored the 100th goal of her career.

The Garnets outshot the Mules, kicking 41 attempts compared with the Mules' 31.

Senior goalie Diana Bleakley had a season high of 22 saves. This is the sixth game in her career where she has made over 20 saves. Fourteen of her 22 saves were in the first half alone.

Following this game, the Mules are ranked fifth in the Centennial Conference. They have a 6-4 record overall and a 3-3 record in the Conference.

"We are fifth in the Conference right now, and we want to hold on to that spot to hopefully make Conference playoffs," said Sophomore Kelli Sakonchick.

"We want to capitalize on the momentum we had coming out of the Swarthmore game and carry it through the rest of the season," said Sakonchick.

With this momentum, the Mules might be able to take it all the way to the Centennial Conference Championships.

"We really hope to keep our confidence high and to keep playing strong and together as a team," said Carlstrand.

This weekend, the Mules play McDaniel College. On Wednesday, they play against Dickinson College. McDaniel Green Terror is sixth in the Conference with a 6-3 record overall and a 2-3 Conference record. Dickinson is ranked forth in the Conference with a 7-3 overall record and a 3-2 record in the Conference.

TENNIS

FROM PAGE 16

No. 4 singles.

In doubles, with Mitchell Reading, Nodiff posted an 8-0 win at No. 2 doubles.

The Mules then played Wilkes, but fell to them 4-3. Freshmen James Goldman and Doug Wayne defeated Ben Holwitt and Salman Punekar, 8-1.

" I hadn't played in a couple of matches, so I think I played more aggressively," said Goldman, "My partner and I played well together."

Though Goldman and Wayne were the only team to win at doubles, Reading and Nodiff came close. Their 9-7 loss threw the match to Wilkes.

"The top two teams split up some of the best players. The second doubles team came close. Had they won their match, the win would have gone our way," said Goldman.

In singles, Reading defeated Holwitt 6-0, 6-0. This was the second time in eight days that Reading has shut out his opponent. Freshman David Yaron defeated Punekar 6-0, 6-1. This is his fifth win this season.

Women's tennis plays again today at Dickinson College and then again on Saturday versus Gettysburg College.

The men play Saturday against Johns Hopkins University. Hopkins recently beat Washington College, ending their twenty year winning streak.

"That is not the greatest feeling," said Goldman. "We are going to work hard this week to prepare. They are a really good, but don't count us out."

Name That Man

Around campus, many people have a presence, but some are more well known than others. We posed the question: Who is this man?

"Is this man a... baseball player?!"
-Scott Clansen '07

"I see him at the basketball games all the time. He's a good guy."
-Brandon Mefford '07

"Brian Boitano (male figure skater from South Park)"!
-Jen Scott '07

"Jason Bonder?"
-Justin Gerstley '07

"He's hot."
-Matina Rentaoulis '07

Answer: Ray Ramella, Athletics Business/ Facilities Manager

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Inside: *Women's Lacrosse takes Garnet out.* *page 15*

Inside: *Mules drop to sixth in Conference despite win.* *page 14*

Mules give all but still fall

By James Petersen
and Les Polk
Weekly Sports Writers

Scoreboard:
4/9 Franklin and Marshall
W 7-0
L 1-3 (8)
4/12 Swarthmore
W 7-0
L 1-0

SOFTBALL

In the double-header versus Franklin and Marshall, Sophomore Nicole Washburn was dominant on the grass. She held the Diplomats to three hits in the Mules' decisive 7-0 victory in the opening game of Saturday's doubleheader in Lancaster, Pa.

The Centennial Conference recognized Washburn for her performance in the game last week. She was named Pitcher of the Week for the second time in her career. The first time she was named was in last year's shut-out against McDaniel College.

This time, not only did Washburn have no walks and three strike-outs, but she only allowed two players past first base.

Pitching and defense proved to be the keys to this Centennial Conference victory since only two opposing baserunners advanced past first base.

Junior outfielder Lindsay Ruhling added, "One thing you can always count on with our team is that we never give up. We are on the field giving it our all until the very last out."

Leading the Mules offensive attack were Senior

SEE **SOFTBALL** | PAGE 14

Last week against Dickinson College Freshman Katie Vecchione struck out six hitters in 4 2/3 innings.

Photo by Rob Kandel

Mules women extend streak

By Kristen Ziegler
Sports Editor

Scoreboard:
Women
4/9 Johns Hopkins W 6-3
4/12 Haverford W 9-0
Men
4/10 Wilkes L 3-4

TENNIS

The Mules women extended their home game winning streak to 29 games this week.

The Mules defeated Johns Hopkins University 6-3. The Blue Jays are the second Centennial Conference contender to take their first loss from the Mules.

Junior Amy Schmidt won her twentieth straight dual match win. She and Freshman Ashley Reed defeated Johns Hopkins players Meghan Hasenauer and Jill Seidman 8-2. Schmidt and Reed are undefeated at No. 1 doubles.

Schmidt went on to win singles, defeating Michelle Liang 6-0, 6-0. Reed defeated Becky Busch 6-4, 6-1.

Sophomore Pam Kimmelman and Senior Emily Oster defeated Vandna Jerath and Tanya Gulnik 8-6. Oster set the College's record for career-doubles victories.

Kimmelman then defeated Jerath in singles, 6-1, 6-3. Junior Stacy Lipschutz defeated Mary Gorski 6-1, 6-2.

The men did not fare as well. Though they defeated Franklin and Marshall College in two of the three doubles matches, the Diplomats came back in the singles; there Franklin and Marshall won all but one match.

In the No. 1 doubles, Senior Jeff Kraft and Junior Brad Gutwillig defeated Alex Chester and Dan Lindenberg 8-4. Kraft was the only singles winner. He defeated Chester 6-3, 6-2.

In the No. 2 doubles, Senior Mitchell Reading and Junior Adam Nodiff defeated Andrew Mayer and Bryan Pilkington 8-6.

Nodiff was recognized in the Conference Honor Roll this past week. He won all 20 of his games when the Mules shutout McDaniel College. He posted his second career 6-0, 6-0 win at

SEE **TENNIS** | PAGE 15

Mules take DII/III win at Delaware

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

Scoreboard:
4/9 Delaware Invitational
Women-1st Men-7th

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

While the Mules competed at Division I University of Delaware, the scores were only tallied within divisions. The women took first place in Division II/III scoring with 169 points, and Moravian College followed in second with 155.5 points. The men finished in seventh.

For the women, Sophomore Sarah Mitchell led the Mules in the javelin with a 128 feet, 6 inch finish, to qualify for the NCAA provisionals and tie a school record she set last year.

Freshman Jenna Lombardi led the Mules to two first place finishes, as she ran the 100 meters in 12.97 seconds and was the lead leg of the 4x100 relay team that finished in 50.45 seconds, a new school record. Lombardi also tied for third in the 100 and was fourth in the 200 with a time of 26.85.

In the 400 meter, Junior Danielle Seiler captured a first place finish with a time of 59.03 seconds, enabling her to qualify for Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships.

Both the 4x100 team and Sophomore Jacquelyn Inverso qualified for ECAC's as well. The 4x100 team included Lombardi, Bovelle, Seiler and Hankee. Not only did this team qualify for the ECAC's and take second place in the Delaware Invitational, they also broke the College's record.

Junior Karen Mount also had an impressive day; she finished second in the 800 meters and first in the 1,500 meters.

For the men, Sophomore Dave Chesny finished third in the steeplechase with a time of 10:02.10, while Freshman Dan Steinhart finished fourth in the 400 meters at 51.51 seconds.

Sophomore Stephen Rothwell placed in both the 1500 meter and 800 meters with second and fifth place finishes, respectively.

Senior Harry Kegelman was the highest placing Mule for the pole vault and javelin, while Senior Jeff Salzano led the Mules in the Discus.

A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

FOCUS

ΦΚΤ
Φ
ΦΜ
ΑΕΠ
ΔΖ
ΦΣΣ
ΧΩ
ΔΤΔ

GREEK LIFE

History of Greek Life at the 'Berg

By Rudy Ehrenberg
Dean of Students

Fraternities have had a significant presence at Muhlenberg College for nearly 140 years. Almost from the College's inception in 1848, Greek organizations and members have had an important role in the vitality of the College Community.

Organizationally, they have been active in the Allentown community through volunteer service and outreach. For many individuals, being part of a Greek organization is a key component in their individual growth and an important part of their educational experience; unquestionably life-long friendships have been developed through membership in a fraternity.

In 1867, two years after the end of the Civil War and nineteen years after Muhlenberg College was formed, the first social fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, was chartered on the campus. Most charter members of the first fraternity were born in the 1840s; some members had likely served in the Civil War. At that time the College was an all male institution with most of the 67 students preparing to be teachers or clergy. During the later part of the nineteenth century, three other social fraternities joined the College, including Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) in 1881.

By the beginning of the twentieth century, the College had established a strong reputation. In 1904, the College relocated to its present site on 52 acres of farmland west of Allentown. Between then and the beginning of World War II, there was considerable growth in the Greek community with the addition of fourteen new or merged fraternities including Phi Kappa Tau (PKT) (1918) and Sigma Phi Epsilon (SPE) (1938). The other two current fraternities were chartered at Muhlenberg College in the latter part of the twentieth century: Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) in 1988 and Delta Tau Delta (DTD) in 1998.

Phi Tau
GREEK WEEK '05
Phi Tau
GREEK WEEK '05

Photo by Ben Veghte

In the early 1950s when the College found itself struggling financially, the Lutheran Church stepped in and offered to provide a substantial loan in exchange for the College's agreement to become coeducational. The first class of women entered Muhlenberg College in 1957, and three sororities were chartered in 1984: Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Zeta and Phi Sigma Sigma; Phi Mu became the fourth sorority at Muhlenberg College in 1992.

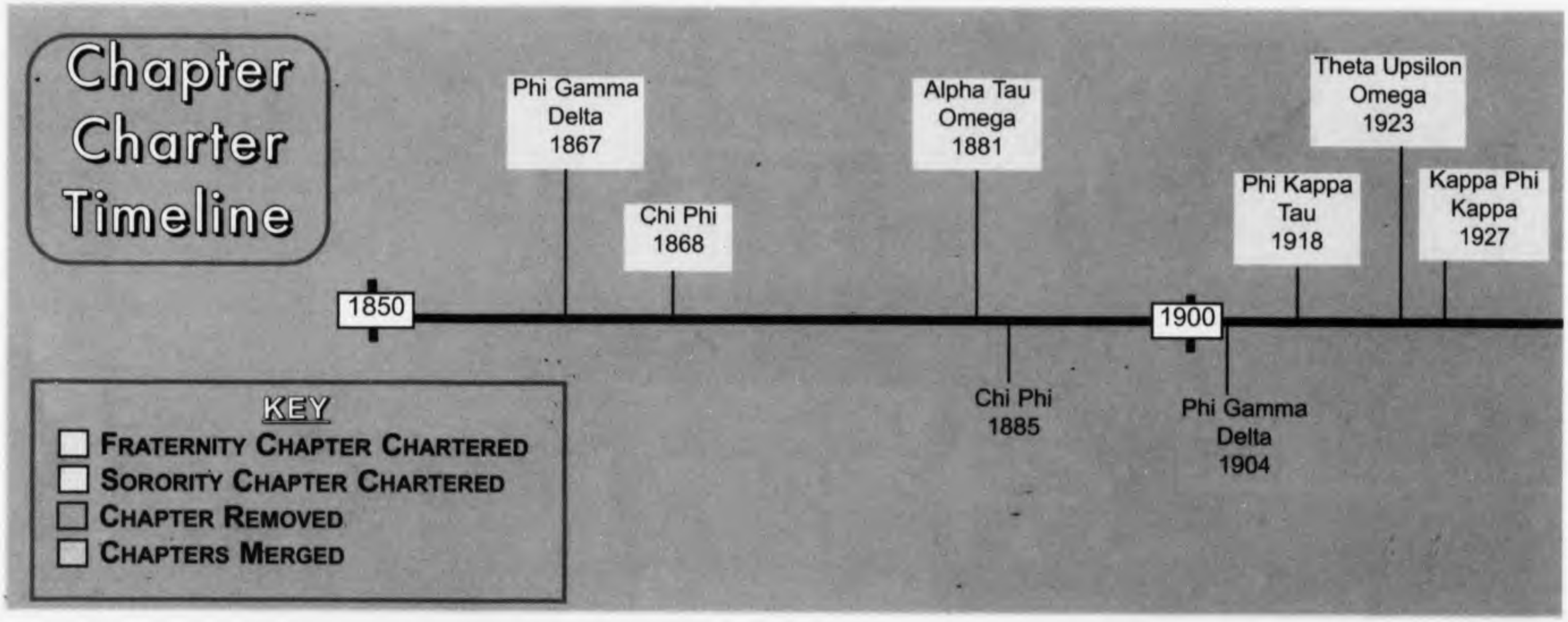
There is no information on where fraternity members lived or how activities were conducted when the College was located in center city; one can assume they lived in nearby boarding houses since colleges at that time often did not provide student housing. In 1923 the ATO house was built at the southeast corner of campus; it was the first house constructed solely as a fraternity house. The other fraternities occupied housing in the neighborhood. In the 1960s four fraternities built houses on the ridge south of Chew Street: PKT, Zeta Beta Tau, SPE, and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE). Three of these houses remain. Sororities have traditionally lived in College-owned houses.

When these fraternity houses were built, each chapter had a housemother who lived in the house. One of her responsibilities was to prepare meals since most houses had a kitchen, and the brothers ate dinner together--tie required. At that time the culture was quite different from today: women were allowed in the houses only at specified times and never allowed above the first floor; there was mandatory study hall for all brothers; no alcoholic beverages were allowed; and the houses sponsored semi-formal receptions for faculty and formal dances in their houses, with the housemothers serving as chaperones.

By the early 70s the culture across the country was changing--this change was reflected in the fraternities at Muhlenberg. Housemothers were no longer required after 1970; semi-formal receptions were replaced by open keg parties (and apparently the faculty still attended); dance parties replaced tea parties; and women were allowed throughout the houses.

The arrival of women--and then sororities--changed the Greek community in many ways. Women at fraternity events were not just guests but were also fellow students who had different expectations. They wanted an active voice in the Greek system and offered new leadership and focus for the College's Greek community. Today the fraternities and sororities work well together and collaborate on many operational issues and activities. Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council, who are governing bodies for fraternities and sororities, provide leadership to the Greeks' impressive leadership development and service programs.

One cannot minimize the impact that fraternities and sororities have had, not only on the individual members, but also on the campus culture. Certainly fraternities have had a major role in the campus social life, but they also have had a significant role in supporting the College's education mission and by performing community service.



High aims for Greek Life

Christopher Jachimowicz
Director of Student Leadership
Development & Greek Affairs

"Why Greek Life?" Simply put, there is an intangible, an essence, a vibe, a feeling that runs through being a part of a Greek-letter organization. I'm not talking about just wearing letters and hanging out with people you like. For those who embrace the ideals and values of Greek Life and live them out every day, being Greek has deep, profound meaning. Working with chapters to create this deeper sense of connection among members is what I enjoy about Greek Life.

But what are these ideals and values? If you check any of the websites for the National organizations of the Muhlenberg College chapters, you'll find them in the mission statements. I have condensed them into five headings: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character and Fraternity. Unfortunately many Greek organizations, both at Muhlenberg and nationally, have only been focusing their efforts in one or two of these areas over the past several decades. Now, with colleges and universities demanding greater accountability from these organizations, chapters must work harder to show how they live the "Five Pillars of Greek Life."

SCHOLARSHIP

According to national statistics, Greek organizations outperform their non-Greek counterparts in cumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.). For decades, G.P.A. has been the measure of success for Greek Life. The challenge now is to demonstrate what purposeful actions and programs contribute to this success--or is it sheer luck? Chapters will need to be more purposeful in their programming to demonstrate that Greek Life fosters scholarship.

LEADERSHIP

85 percent of Fortune 500 executives and 25 U.S. Presidents are members of Greek organizations. Again, this statistic needs to be questioned. Is it that the Greek experience deliberately contributes to the creation of good leaders, or are people predisposed to leadership positions more apt to join Greek-organizations? Chapters will again need to demonstrate how they conscientiously develop members' leadership skills--and not just the chapter leadership, who are often the most predisposed to assuming a leadership role--but every member.

SERVICE

Nationally, Greek-letter organizations contribute over one million dollars annually to charitable causes. Community service has long been the "justification" for the existence of Greek Life on a college campus. Back when few colleges, universities or high schools embraced service as a viable and necessary educational tool, Greeks could "hang their hat" on philanthropy and community service as a role they exclusively filled. That isn't the case anymore. Service is no longer restricted to these groups. Colleges have found a way to provide these opportunities for all interested students. Chapters will need to continue their history of service, but will need to work even harder to have their achievements recognized. They will also need to strategize how to fill the voids that develop in existing service programs to make their work more relevant and useful to the College.

CHARACTER

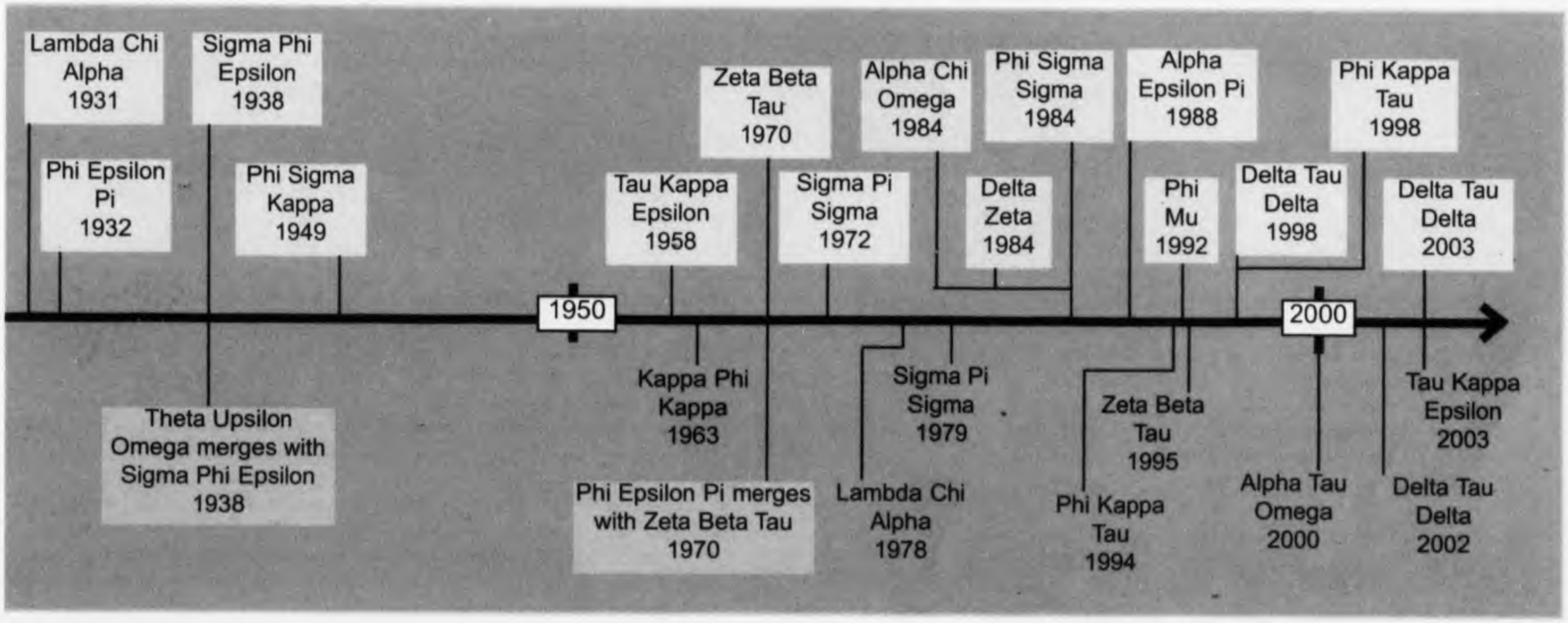
I have two truths that I operate by in Greek Life: 1) Being Greek is work, and 2) Once you put the letters on, you can't take them off. In the case of the former, Greek membership means living your ideals every day. It means challenging yourself to improve and helping your brothers and sisters improve as well. It means knowing the expectations, policies and procedures of your National, the College, the State, the City, the Housing Board, the IFC or Panhellenic Council, and your chapter; it's work. In the case of the latter, it means understanding that for better or worse your actions as an individual will always have an impact on your chapter and the Greek system as a whole. As J.C. Watts remarked, "Character is doing the right thing when nobody's looking." Being Greek means having a consistency of character that you'd be proud to have your children model.

FRATERNITY

It is the social aspect of Greek Life that both the media and the members have embraced. Who can blame them? Joining others with similar interests and aspirations is the foundation of many Greek organizations. While socialization has remained the bedrock of Greek Life, the society and environment in which socialization takes place has changed drastically.

Today's litigious society has forced both colleges and the National offices of Greek organizations to require greater accountability and control over social functions. Chapter leadership assumes a huge responsibility for the safety of members and guests at social functions that was rarely acknowledged before. Chapters have to work harder to manage their social activities safely and effectively. This usually means controlling both the access to alcohol (through B.Y.O.B. or third party) and the participants in attendance (through guest lists and invitations).

If Greek organizations can put all the pieces together, Greek Life will be a compelling and integral part of a student's life. Muhlenberg College is fortunate to have a small, personal Greek community that makes the likelihood of this happening even greater. Significant and real cultural change is not easy, nor does it happen overnight. However, if Greek members return to their roots and embrace the "Five Pillars of Greek Life," the Muhlenberg College Greek community will be a model for other systems nationwide.



Taking the Task Force to task

Jen Garabedian
Class of 2006
Panhellenic President

As a member of the Greek Life Task Force I was only one of two students with Greek affiliation. Adam Ford '05, Phi Kappa Tau and I were chosen to represent the Greek Community at Muhlenberg. The remainder of the Task Force consisted of faculty, administration, students and alumni who were chosen to represent the varying interests of Muhlenberg College. Some of these individuals were also Greek affiliated. Each individual on the Task Force brought a unique perspective that proved to be very helpful. Dr. Linda Bips, Assistant Professor of Psychology co-chaired the Task Force along with Tilghman H. Moyer IV, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations.

The Greek Life Task Force was formed to evaluate the current Greek community here at Muhlenberg and to make recommendations as to the direction Greek life should take in the future. At first, I was extremely distressed by the fact that Adam and I were the only two Greek students on the Task Force. From our first meeting in May 2004, I realized that Adam and I were not as outnumbered as I thought. Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development & Greek Affairs, served on the Task Force and provided tremendous insight into the current state of the Greek community. Two other individuals, Melissa Falk '92, Delta Zeta, Senior Associate Director of Admission, and Mr. P. Roger Byer '67, Phi Kappa Tau provided the Task Force with an historical perspective of Muhlenberg Greek Life that served as a context for its current state. These three individuals gave the Greek Community additional voices.

During our second meeting in July, the Task Force decided on five areas to focus its attention, and subcommittees were formed. The findings of these committees were presented at our early fall 2004 meeting. Through engaging discussion, each committee presented its findings. While not everything presented was initially agreed upon, everyone's opinion was respected. In our next couple of meetings we took the findings of the committees as well as results generated from discussion and formed the rough draft of our recommendations to President Helm.

A public conversation with the Student Body was also held during the Fall 2004 semester, and the information generated from that was taken into consideration when writing the final recommendations. The last step was presenting the findings and recommendations of the Task Force to Helm.

I understand that the recommendations of the Task Force weren't received with an overwhelmingly warm response by the Greek community. Many members felt left out of the process and didn't understand how the Greek Life Task Force could only consist of two Greek students. In truth, it would be impossible to have all interests, viewpoints and ideas represented within the committee and still expect it to conclude its work. The Task Force made an effort to provide all constituencies with the opportunity to give input in one form or another. I don't disagree with members' concerns, but I do not think it should take away from the accomplishments of the Task Force. The discussions had by the Task Force were the first attempts at bringing all parties involved in the College together to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Greek community and the challenges it faces. These conversations needed to take place, and I wish Helm could have been present to hear all that was said.

As a member of the Task Force, I stand by the findings and recommendations of the Task Force, but I do hope that this is not the last time students, faculty, administrators and alumni are called together to discuss the Greek community. The issues that plague all eight Greek chapters on this campus will certainly not evaporate overnight--they will take time and effort to work out.

The good news is that Helm is willing to give us the time to tackle these issues and hopefully the Greek Life Task Force was only one of many discussions that will take place over the next couple years here at the College.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS IN BRIEF

1. There should be a development of a "Relationship Statement" defining mutual goals and expectations.
2. The College will develop an accreditation process for the chapters, which will include provisions for community and campus service, scholarship development, more active faculty advisors and stronger alumni board members.
3. All chapters must submit the dates, times and content of the events to the Director of Greek Affairs and to the fraternity's national Director of Risk Management before each pledging period begins.
4. The Director of Greek Affairs will guide the timing of elections of executive board members and offer resources for group officer transition and training.
5. Greek facilities should be viewed as part of a comprehensive housing and residence life plan for the campus.
6. The College will not consider any expansion in the number of Greek groups on campus until staffing, student interest levels and adequate facilities are secured.
7. There should be enhanced communication between members of Greek life and the College Community.
8. Deferring rush to sophomore year should be maintained.
9. The College strives to apply all policies and procedures to Greek organizations and their members in a manner that is consistent with its treatment of all other campus organizations.

Brian Campfield
Class of 2006
Interfraternity Council President

Within Greek Life, there has been considerable discussion on the recommendations of the Greek Life Task Force as well as President Helm's responses. It only seems appropriate to share some of the discussion that has occurred in various venues, from Interfraternity Council (IFC) meetings to the Greek Leadership retreat in January to late-night discourse in members' rooms.

Recommendation three is a source of serious controversy. This proposal requests that chapters submit their education program including specific dates, times and content of all education activities to the College. This has caused considerable concern among Greeks. New member education ("pledging") is considered very personal and specific to each organization--the pledging process is an integral part of what makes a Greek organization what it is.

Realizing this, it should not be difficult to understand the hesitance and/or refusal of chapters to make the details of their programs public knowledge. Additionally, a timeline set in stone will eliminate the malleability of a pledge program; preventing a chapter from fitting itself to the needs of a pledge class both in terms of their development and individual needs. For example, chapters would be unable to move activities to accommodate members that need extra time to study, as they previously have. The College and Greeks will simply have to compromise on this topic.

Personally, I feel that a tentative, confidential, and easily revisable timeline of the general theme of activities is more acceptable.

Recommendation eight states that the College maintains the deferment of the formal recruitment ("rush") to the sophomore year. While it is understood that the rationale behind this recommendation is to allow time to make an informed decision about Greek Life, the wait is detrimental to the Greek System. In most other colleges of similar size, (Penn, Johns Hopkins, Moravian and McDaniel for example) rush is either in the fall or spring of the first year. For chapters, this would provide greater membership, meaning increased income and greater manpower, attributes which would allow Greek chapters to increase their service activities and philanthropic giving--characteristics valuable to the community.

There is also potential benefit for the individual student. In the past, the all-Greek G.P.A. was higher than the independent upper-class G.P.A. Should this trend continue, we will see a correlation between Greek membership and better grades. Also, an added semester in the organization would allow students to participate more in functions, community service, and Greek housing options if they should choose. Allowing first-year students to rush in the spring is an obvious compromise that deserves attention.

Finally, recommendation nine asks that the College apply all policies and procedures to Greek organizations and their members in a way that is consistent with other students. There are countless instances of Greeks being treated differently than other students, such as the meal plan policy. School policy currently requires all students in Greek housing to purchase the Silver or Gold meal plans. The discrepancy here is that not all Greek housing is campus-owned. How would you feel if you lived in your own house with your peers, but unlike other off-campus residences, you were required to take a meal plan because you all sing in the same a cappella group? Greeks simply want to be treated as other students are. Other examples of unfair policy application include restrictions on social events, fees for services and the "Red Zone" freshmen prohibition.

Despite some of the thoughts I've shared here that go against the Task Force's conclusions, I believe that there can be some very positive outcomes. Both the Greek System and the College need to be prepared to make some concessions, and the Greeks know this. I am looking forward to taking our mutually beneficial relationship with the College to a new level.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

Roundtable Group changes its name to Charlie s Group in memory of its lost member.
page 5

Inside

Holocaust survivor Irving Roth brings stories of his experiences with racism to the College.
page 11

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 21 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005

New director seeks student input at Health Center

By Michelle Sartor
NEWS EDITOR

Students' health is now placed in new hands with the recent appointment of a new Director of Health Services. Brynnmarie Dorsey, the new permanent Director of Health Services, started working at the College on April 1.

As Director of Health Services, Dorsey has several responsibilities. She is in charge of the oversight of Health Services operation.

This includes being a liaison with physicians, reviewing the budget, overseeing management of Health Services, participating in patient care and assisting in special housing needs and medical use of absences.

Dorsey said, "One of my goals is to provide healthcare specifically to meet the needs of college students. If we're not providing care college students need, we're not on track since that's what we're here for."

A search committee was formed to fill the position of Director of Health Services.

In addition to being interviewed by the search committee, Dorsey said she met with several other groups, including the Health Center staff, Dean of Students, Residential Services, Counseling Services, student leaders and Randy Helm, President of the College.

According to Rudy

SEE **HEALTH** | PAGE 7

Board of Observers assesses academics

By Amy Steinbauer
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

New eyes and ears are evaluating the departments at the College. The Board of Observers is a group that visits the College to examine the various majors. Currently, the Board has observed the following departments: Sociology/Anthropology, Mathematics and Music.

In October of 2004, the first group for the Board of Observers was elected. The Board of Observers for each department consists of two alumni and two experts in that field of study.

While some colleges choose to have a committee that is formed solely from alumni or academic scholars, Randy Helm, President of the College stated, "I like the combination of current experts in the field and smart, successful alumni that have a stake in the future of the College. You get a balance of the combination of different strengths."

In terms of deciding which departments would be first to go through an assessment made by the Observers, the Provost chose the four departments that as Helm states, "were doing exciting things" and that "there were a lot of departments to choose from." The departments

SEE **BOARD** | PAGE 6

Students at the Relay for Life stand and cheer on the survivors as they walked around the track.

PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY BORNHOLDT

Relay for Life produces large turnout

By Jeremy Duncan
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Several hundred people gathered in the brisk morning air at the College's outdoor track, where Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) had set up Relay for Life on April 17.

This is one of the four aspects of the club, along with cancer education, advocacy and survivorship.

As Tracy Yusko '08 said in her speech, although CAC just started at the College this semester, it has already made an impact with Relay and other events.

Amy Bornholdt '06, President of CAC, stated that 300 people registered in teams by dorm floors, campus clubs, Greek organizations or with their friends.

The event was mostly students, but the staff of the Heath Center participated, too.

Relay for Life appeared to be well-organized. There were registration tables and walkie-talkies the members of CAC used to coordinate the various activities.

Much of the equipment was provided by the Student Activities Office.

In her opening speech, Bornholdt recognized her extremely "dedicated" executive committee consisting of Yusko, Allie Schnall '08, Jess Cortapasso '07, Jill Schrager '07, Suzette Mazzola '08, Alex Corgan '08, Jenna Lombardi '08, Alison Martinez '07, Elizabeth Faughnan '08, Becky Kolpak '08, Amanda Wade '08 and Andrew Samuels '06.

They were also seen throughout the day in teal shirts and flowered leis.

"The event was designed to honor and remember those with or who have had cancer, and to raise money and awareness to eliminate cancer," stated Bornholdt.

Rachel Sherman '05, a cancer survivor, also talked at the opening ceremony.

She said she was "touched and grateful" by the "amazing" participation. She said that just "acknowledging the struggle" meant a lot to her.

John Petrilak of the American Cancer Society

SEE **RELAY** | PAGE 5

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Executive Editor

Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

Health Services start fresh

THE RECENT APPOINTMENT OF BRYNNMARIE DORSEY AS THE NEW Director of Health Services at the College should be seen as a step in the right direction toward improving the services offered to students by the Health Center. With a new Director who openly claims to have an interest in taking a student-focused approach to college health services, there is an opportunity at hand to expand the Health Services of the College in new ways. One way to use the change in Director as a means of improving the Health Services of the College is to focus on taking the activities of the Health Center out of the confines of the Life Sports Center. Thus Health Services would not just be centered around students going to the Health Center to seek medical advice and attention.

The Health Center should take this opportunity to branch out of its traditional role and venture into the community to further advance the overall health of students at the College. Instead of limiting students' opportunity to donate blood to a few times each year in the form of blood drives, shuttles could be arranged and managed by the Health Center to take students to donate blood on a regular basis.

Contraceptives have long been in demand by students and discussed with regard to the manner in which the Health Center has responded to this demand. Contraceptive services could be improved if Health Services branched out into the community. Rather than merely offering a few contraceptive choices in the Health Center, Health Services could promote distribution of contraceptives all around campus. Additionally, Health Services could expand their role in the promotion of healthy student diets. This can be accomplished by either bringing in dieticians for students to consult or by communicating with Sodexho to promote healthy eating.

Much more of an impact could be made on student health if Health Services utilized their period of reorganization to improve and expand upon their present services. There are many beneficial services the Health Center provides that could be expanded and improved with the fresh face to the Director position. If the new Director is truly intent on improving the existing services offered, she will move into her new position with not only the intent on making changes, but also the initiative to make changes occur. Perhaps the Health Center could be an example of a more proactive force on campus--one that takes action in the name of improvement, rather than just talking about making changes.

Henry Awards: No surprise

Allison Auclair
SPORTS EDITOR

The Henry Awards ("Henrys"), bestowed by the College upon students, faculty and staff who have proven themselves to be superior in various categories, have been celebrated by the College Community since 1996. With categories such as Unsung Hero, Rookie of the Year, and Best Female/Male Athlete, the Henrys (also called "Muhlenberg's Academy Awards") have traditionally drawn numerous members of the Muhlenberg community together to recognize these all-stars. This year, however, the ceremony will be different, as only the top three nominees from each category are invited to attend the event alone, while the winner from each category is allowed to bring a date.

Thus, a ceremony which was once considered an unrestricted gathering, has been transformed into an elite event for the select few.

The initial problem with this set-up is its private nature. As the event is closed to the public, family, friends and other community members are excluded. Thus, a ceremony which was once considered an unrestricted gathering, has been transformed into an elite event for the select few. The winners, who deserve to be recognized in front of interested friends and family, can now only have one guest by their side, while the other two nominees are forced to fly solo for the night.

Furthermore, with the new setup, it is necessary for the winner to be notified prior to the event, as they must have ample time to invite a guest. Aside from the fact that the event will now lack excitement, this pre-event winner notification could discourage runner-ups from attending.

Though a previous complaint of the Henrys has been low attendance, I have personally attended two out of the past three Henry ceremonies, and the turnout has been impressive. Instead of attempting to make the ceremony more popular to increase attendance, the Henry Awards Committee has alternatively made the evening more private and exclusive.

Although I do not agree with the new format, the Committee has improved their original plan over the course of the past week. Initially, the 2005 ceremony was designed such that only the winners from each category could attend. However, after dissatisfaction was voiced by the Student Body, it was re-designed to be open to the top three nominees from each category.

The objective of the Henry Awards Committee, as I have been told, was to create a smaller, more intimate affair to better honor the winners. For example, each

SEE **HENRY** | PAGE 4

Panhandling in Seegers is not the answer

Kate Arney-Cimino
OP/ED EDITOR

A couple of weeks ago, as I was paying for food in GQ, I noticed a box similar to those at the checkout in grocery stores, asking for spare change for various charitable organizations. Having only my swipe card, I could not put any money in the box to help the child in the picture. I could not alleviate the guilt I felt as I would go off to stuff my face while the face of a starving orphan staring through the plastic box at me stayed in my mind.

It was at this point I realized how much students ask for spare change from their peers on campus. Every day in Seegers there are numerous tables set up often displaying candy and usually with a bucket to collect money either for their club or a local charity. Sometimes on the way into Garden Room there is a table to catch the people waiting in line to swipe. They cry out at you, saying that they know you have money to give. So when you swipe, you get your eat-till-you-explode buffet and some guilt. Sometimes it reminds me of home and motherly guilt, but most of the time it is just awkward.

Some groups even take soliciting donations for their clubs or charities to the extreme by going door-to-door in the dorms. They ask for anything you can spare and apparently it must be somewhat effective because they keep coming back. Muhlenbergers would rather give them money from their laundry stash than say no to a cause.

Going dorm room-to-dorm room asking for spare change is almost as absurd as the grown woman I once saw going around with a basket at an outdoor mall asking people for spare change so she could start a business.

Yes, everyone at the school has spare change to give to these organizations. Yes, most everyone is kind enough to want to give to a cause. But is this way really effective? I've sat at these tables in the past, and some days the table will make only twenty dollars.

For fundraising they say that usually the more time and effort put into something, the less return is made. For example, a bake sale takes a lot of energy and time and in the end can never really generate a lot of money.

Maybe it's just the placement of these tables and the desperate calling out to give them money similar to "The Money Song" from *Avenue Q*, that's somewhat irritating. In the Frankfurt Airport there is a huge glass case with a sign inviting foreigners to dump their Marks in that they didn't exchange. This works. They raise a lot of money and give it to a good cause, and no one is annoyed by the process.

Most people on this campus don't walk around with lots of money, and if they do it's for something specific like buying stamps. Perhaps instead of tables in Seegers we could venture out into the community of Allentown, and ask the small business owners on 19th street to sponsor our organizations or give to a cause. We have a huge alumni network and possibly we could contact them in their companies. Certainly with our location as an advantage we have access to great cities packed with other non-profit charity organizations that we could piggy-back onto and work together. Or, we could make a poster and sit at a table in Seegers during dinner time.

For such an intelligent, well-networked group of people it's hard for me to believe that the best way to solicit donations in Seegers. There are more effective ways to raise money than panhandling from your fellow students. Is this the best we can come up with?

No cap on Commencement costs

Jason Klein
Weekly Columnist

Apparently $30,000 per student, per year is not enough to run an institution of "higher" education.

To assure that the College faculty and administrators will one day be able to afford automobiles as luxurious as those in the student parking lots, the College strongly advocates donating money to "give something back" to the College.

> *Victor s Lament...was recently repainted. At the same time, the senior class received their bill for cap and gown.*

This is absurd; the College acts like a greedy little child who is not satisfied with his allowance and will not stop pulling on his parents' pant leg begging for more money. After spending roughly $120,000 in four years as a student, the last thing the average senior is thinking of doing with their first paycheck is giving the College a cut, especially with student loans to pay-off.

The concept of "giving something back" is interesting. Granted, the College offers us amazing programs and an incredible education; however, the age-old adage is true: the College is not cheap, and the students here get what they pay for. The campus is beautiful, the dorms are well kept, the social life is _______ (fill in your own adjective), and the professors are first-rate. For $30,000 a year, this is what we deserve.

In any institution, money will undoubtedly be spent on projects on which not all people agree; however, some expenses here are just ridiculous. Victor's Lament, which is also known as the bright red heap of iron beams on the main lawn, was recently repainted.

At the same time, the senior class received their bill for the cap and gown that they must purchase on their own if they wish to walk at the Commencement ceremony.

Speaking of absurd charges, the senior class also received a letter reminding them of the importance in being connected as alumni, and a suggested donation (read: give us money or we have the phone-a-thon people call you during dinner for the rest of your natural life) of $20.05.

Why can't the College give something back to us? Granted, all seniors receive a lovely piece of paper at graduation. However, all seniors' parents were sent a catalog of beautiful Muhlenberg "Diploma Frames".

Heaven forbid the frame be included in our tuition or just as a gift to let the students know that the self-proclaimed "Caring College" actually cares.

While ranting about the "Caring College" I should mention that students are required to vacate their college housing no later than 6:00 p.m. on May 22. Does that date sound familiar? It should because its graduation.

Like any profit-oriented business, the College is quickly pushing us out, in order to turn around and sell it to the next group of students.

I love the College; my time here was definitely the best four years of my life. I have made friends that I will have for the rest of my life, and all this only cost about $30,000 a year. I will always remember my college experience, regardless of whether or not I choose to donate money to the school somewhere down the line (approximately forty years from now when I am out of debt).

I plan on giving something back to the College in time, I just wish the College will give something back to me.

> *I have made friends who I will have for the rest of my life, and all this only cost about $30,000 a year.*

I do not ask for much, just a couple of years without being hounded for donations so that I can afford to pay off the money that I will still be giving to the school for the next couple of years.

Give construction a noise violation

Tiffany Kirk
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Cranes. Tractors. Bricklayers. Concrete mixers. What is one common characteristic? Besides being part of a construction site, all are quiet when they are not being used. However, during the last week of classes and through final exam week, these materials will be functioning quite actively between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the west-end of campus. While the Student Body may appreciate the end-of-the-summer outcome of this construction, which will expand Shankweiler and Trumbower academic buildings, students residing in this area will be frustrated with more than the inefficient time problem during possibly two of the busiest weeks of the semester.

Most dormitories located in the west-end of the campus are familiar to all of us-- Walz, Prosser, Taylor and Brown. Clouding the fact that textbooks have been neglected for most of the semester, being a first-year student during finals week of the spring semester is challenging enough with the temptation of beautiful weather that makes social opportunities readily available. Now that construction noise is interrupting students who are actually trying to study, grades are sure to drop. The Trexler Library is always an option, but finding a quiet spot during Finals week is as likely as Victor's Lament resembling a Dalmatian.

Taylor Hall is occupied mainly by students who wish to live in a reasonably quiet, co-ed college residence. The construction noise will interrupt not only study habits, but also well-needed sleep that did not begin until early in the morning (because that will be the only quiet time in the area during each day). Students that live in Taylor, which applies to some Brown residents as well, are also upperclassmen. Upperclassmen are most likely not studying for general requirements anymore; they are studying for their major. The most disturbing fact concerning the construction timetable is not that it occurs the last week of classes and into finals week; it involves the violation of the College's own policy.

As we are all well-aware, the College enforces a 22-hour "quiet period" that begins on Performance Day and extends to the end of finals. The reason for the 22-hour rule is to allow students the option of studying in a reasonably quiet and personably comfortable area. How can the College expect a quiet atmosphere in the west-end of campus, where, according to the College's Office of Admissions, about 35 percent of the Student Body lives, if construction is occurring throughout the day?

SEE **NOISE** | PAGE 4

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Executive Editor
Ben Veghte, Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
Kate Arney-Cimino, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
OPEN, Focus Editor
OPEN, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Johnny Canneto, Business Managers
Robin DeCicco, Asst. News Editor
Tiffany Kirk, Asst. OP/ED Editor
Jackie Starner, Sarah Smith, Dan McClung, Asst. Life! Editors
Tara DeMarzo, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Catherine Zell, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Amy Cookson, Copy Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Writer Manager
John Dunphy, Design Consultant
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2005. All rights reserved.

HENRY | FROM PAGE 2

attendee will be served dinner this year, where in the past only hors d'oeuvres were served. Sarah Efronson, Class of 2007 Representative, a Henry Awards Committee member, claims this year's setup will be "really acknowledging the people that deserve it". However, one cannot help but wonder, if the Committee's goal is to give the winners more public recognition and spoil them in a sense, why make it closed to the public?

As a final point, this year's ceremony looks as if it is going to be more winner-oriented, which can be a positive thing. The students, faculty and staff who will be receiving awards are well deserving of their honor, and treating them to a formal dinner is appropriate, to say the least. Nonetheless, even the non-winning nominees are incredibly deserving of a meal and a date with whom to enjoy it. The format from prior years created a good balance between recognizing the achievements of both the winners and the nominees, all before any member of the community who wished to attend.

So, congratulations to the 2005 Henry Awards winners. It is a remarkable accomplishment, and one that you can celebrate with the select few other winners. Remember that you may not bring more than one person with you to share in this special evening. As for mere nominees, well prior to this week you would not be allowed to attend the ceremony at all.

You have since been informed that you may attend--just make sure you are dateless. Sitting at a table full of strangers all night, well that's my idea of fun. As for any other College Community member--parent, faculty, staff or student: to state it bluntly, you're just not important enough to be able to attend. Isn't that just awesome.

Of course, we will have to wait until after the ceremony to revisit the new format. At least in this writer's opinion, when the College holds an even for bestowing honors and awards, attendance should be liberally open to students, personnel, family, friends and alumni--if not open to the entire public. I suspect most people would prefer hors d'ouevres with friends and family over a dinner with a very select few.

ANI DIFRANCO
(IN CONCERT)
FRI., JULY 22 • 8PM
SOVEREIGN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
136 N 6TH ST READING PA
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE SOVEREIGN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
THE SOVEREIGN CENTER BOX OFFICE, ALL TICKETMASTER LOCATIONS
AND CHARGE BY PHONE AT (215) 336-2000
SMG

NOISE | FROM PAGE 3

On the other hand, the College has acted in some ways to show that they are taking into account some student concern. Finals that are scheduled in Shankweiler and Taylor Hall will be relocated to other areas. While this is a positive action from the College, other questions rise. Where and when exactly will they be? Hopefully not in a corner classroom that hasn't been used for years. What about the last week of classes? Because Shankweiler is a "science" building, silence is instrumental to laboratory experiments as well as regular classroom lectures. If the College recognizes that noise will become a problem during the final examination period, wouldn't this mean that the College also recognizes that noise will be a problem during the study period as well?

Construction is beginning at the end of the semester in order to accomodate professors and decrease the level of chaos involved in moving into the new building. While I understand the purpose for the construction to begin at the end of the Spring semester, risking finals, which usually determine a large part of the final grades for which students' families pay large amounts of money, should not be compensated for the sake of lowering the level of chaos in the fall. Much of the student population would probably prefer beginning the school year with construction rather than have it occurring at the end of the semester during finals week. While Student Council and the Student Body were involved during the planning of construction, the College did not involved them early enough or with all relevant information. As a result, Council passed a resolution last Thursday saying that any large project that will affect student life will be presented to Student Council at an early stage in the project. This resolution cannot have any affect on this current construction project, but it will prevent a similar event from occurring in the future.

However, until that next time occurs, RAs of the west end better be prepared to write a stack of noise violations.

THINKING ABOUT GOING TO LAW SCHOOL?

Come find out about law school admissions, the LSAT process, and other related topics
with
Dean Eric Kniskern of Widener Law School

MONDAY APRIL 25, 4:30-5:30
ETTINGER 201
Questions?? Contact:

Dr. Slane
slane@muhlenberg.edu

'06 Matt Tick
mtick@muhlenberg.edu

'08 Brian Galgano
bg232104@muhlenberg.edu

SILENCE IS THE PROBLEM!

~Write for Op/Ed~

CONTACT
KATE ARNEY-CIMINO
KATEARNEYCIMINO@HOTMAIL.COM

OR
TIFFANY KIRK
KIRK2837@MUHLENBERG.EDU

Roundtable Group changes name

New name in memory of lost member

By Kelly Love
Weekly News Writer

They arrive early on Tuesday mornings, before most students even get to Seegers. Sitting at their round table in the corner of General's Quarters (GQ), they often eat breakfast together or drink dark coffee.

These men and women have made up the Roundtable Group, but now, with one less member, they are called Charlie's Group, in honor of their lost founder.

Years ago, Charles Fletcher, known to the group as Charlie, along with Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of the Center for Multicultural Life and a few friends, decided to form a discussion group.

Their aim was to discuss a wide variety of topics including religion, politics, national and local issues and even events going on at the College.

Out of convenience, and as a result of the low prices of GQ, they decided to meet at their round table in the corner. One member, Jerry Nepon, noted, "You can get two eggs and toast for only a dollar there" and, really, who can beat that kind of deal?

The members come from a number of different ethnic, religious and political backgrounds, but their conversations are always lively and usually argument-free.

This spirited group often attracts professors and staff from the College to join in on their discussions and add new points of view about the topics of the day.

Most of the members of the group are over 70 and many are retired, but it is clear that they are all very involved in the community that they often discuss.

They are aware of issues going on at the College, through reading *The Weekly* and their experiences on campus, and some of them have even e-mailed Randy Helm, President of the College, about issues of which they were especially concerned.

Many also volunteer at different organizations in Allentown including Meals on Wheels and the Jewish Community Center.

Charlie Fletcher was no exception. Before his death he was an active and valued member of the Allentown community.

In addition to founding the Roundtable Group, he was a member of the congregation at Temple Brith Sholom and Temple Beth El and served as president of Beth El.

He also served as president of the Allentown Center City Association, Allentown Parking Authority, Jewish Family Services and Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley and was an honorary board member of the Allentown Jewish Community Center.

"He knew just about everyone in the city," commented Nepon. "He knew about everything going on in Allentown."

Because he was so loved by both the community and members of the group, the remaining members decided to rename the Roundtable Group "Charlie's Group" in his honor.

So every Tuesday they continue to meet, even when the College is closed for breaks and during the summer.

They still talk about the state of our nation, the state of our campus and just about everything in between.

Although one of their founders is no longer at the table, they make sure he is never forgotten.

RELAY
FROM PAGE 1

(ACS) brought an outside perspective into the particular relay, saying that he "loved the support" that the campus showed on Sunday.

Schnall said, "It was amazing the way the school came together," especially because they had to wake up early on a Sunday morning.

The event continued with a survivor lap, where five survivors walked around the track to Elton John's "I'm Still Standing" over the speakers set up in the end zone.

The survivors were given a standing ovation, and in a show of support, the hundreds of people moved from the football field over to the side of the track and applauded them.

The second lap was designated for those individuals who have been affected by cancer.

Bornholdt and Yusko described the "emotional" scene that followed: everyone went out on the track and walked a lap to Bette Midler's "Wind Beneath my Wings."

Then the Girls Next Door sang the National Anthem, and the Relay for Life began.

The day became warm and the sky remained clear, as Bornholdt and others noted, making it a "beautiful, gorgeous" day to be outside for twelve hours.

Over that time, members of the various teams walked and jogged around the track, and others hung out and played Frisbee and catch and had picnics, all in the spirit of support.

Meanwhile, there was live music on the makeshift stage in the end zone, including Girls Next Door, Rumrats, Pickup Truck Brew, Christpower Activate, Ryan Asher, The Dynamics, Keith and Friends, Ryan Kavalsky and Amy Appleton and Queensbury Picnic.

> *"The evening was designed to honor and remember those with or who have had cancer, and to raise money and awareness to eliminate cancer."*
>
> Amy Bornholdt '06

There were dozens to hundreds of people on the track at all times.

Off the track, there were tables set up, including food and beverages donated by Wawa and Wood Dining Services, and cancer education where people could buy a ribbon and enter a raffle.

There were Luminaria Sales, which were candles in white paper bags, and face painting, and Phil La Porta '05 performed magic tricks. There was even sunscreen available for walkers.

The evening became chilly as the sun set behind the track, and although many people left for dinner and other commitments as it got dark, there were still a large number when the word "hope" was lit in candles on the bleachers.

During the closing ceremony, CAC thanked everybody involved and gave away the raffle prizes.

The teams that raised the most money for Relay for Life were Ground Brown, Alpha Chi Omega, Theta Nu Xi, Health Center and CAC exec.

The total amount raised on Sunday was $9,295.33. This money will be donated to the ACS.

The goal is to make Relay an annual event, and continue the effort of CAC in the years to come.

This excitement was echoed by the students as well.

Alex Joujan '05 was "encouraged by the energy level" and Amanda Palmer '07 said Relay is "an amazing event" and that having it on campus was "phenomenal" and made the effort easily accessible to the students.

Senior Speakers elected

By Alex Barouh
Weekly News Writer

The votes are in and the five senior speakers have been chosen for the graduating class of 2005.

The senior speakers have been assigned their specific venues in which they will share their thoughts, ideas and reflections on their four years at the College.

The venues include the champagne brunch, the reflections ceremony, senior ball champagne toast, the baccalaureate speech and the Commencement ceremony.

As announced on the billboard in Seegers Union, Michael O'Rourke will speak at the Champagne Brunch, Christina Liciaga will be the orator at the reflections ceremony and Liz Einhorn will make the official toast at the senior ball.

Lydia Brubaker will present her speech at graduation, and Laura Sutherland will be the speaker at the Baccalaureate event.

The choice of who presents the Baccalaureate speech differs from the election of the other speakers. As Sutherland explained, "Students who were interested in being the Baccalaureate speaker submitted a summary of what they planned on discussing if they were chosen."

A committee of students and faculty then interviewed the students and made their decision.

Sutherland expressed how much of an honor it was to be able to be a speaker. She went on to hint at a theme she might explore for her oration.

"I want to discuss hope. You can't hope without inspiration, and I have seen so many examples of inspiration at Muhlenberg," she said.

The Baccalaureate speech is different from the other four venues because the other speakers were chosen by their senior class through a series of elections.

Einhorn, being chosen to give the toast at the senior ball said, "I was honored to be recognized by my senior class as speaker."

Einhorn said that she recognized the importance of presenting a short and sweet toast, but at the same time wants to express a genuine

SEE **SPEAKERS** | PAGE 6

SPEAKERS

FROM PAGE 5

observation on the positivism of the College Community.

Einhorn said she did not want to reveal too much of her toast, but said she planned on using a single metaphor to describe her great experience at the College.

Liciaga said she was honored to be chosen to speak at the reflections ceremony. She said because of the venue, she might talk about transitions between being a freshman and a senior.

She said, "We're constantly at a stage of beginnings in the same way we consistently make decisions. Each decision is the start of something."

Liciaga also said, "In reflecting on our time here, it is important to remember origins and also to understand we're creating new ones."

O'Rourke, who is speaking at the Champagne Brunch, was also surprised to learn that he had been chosen to be an orator.

O'Rourke said, "I was surprised. I feel that I operate behind the scenes when contributing to the Muhlenberg Community, but it is an honor, and I am humbled."

O'Rourke went on to express his feelings about his experiences at the College. He said, "It is a very special place, where it is okay to make mistakes. I want to encourage students to apply the positive attributes we have been exposed to at Muhlenberg and reflect what we have learned here in the real world."

O'Rourke said another theme he would touch on would be "how to give back to the school once we have graduated."

Brubaker, who received the most votes from the senior class, was also quite surprised to be chosen as the graduation speaker. When interviewed she said she had a million thoughts on what she would speak of in her speech but did not have a specific theme that she could divulge.

"Were it left up to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

-THOMAS JEFFERSON

To write for *The Muhlenberg Weekly* News Section

CONTACT:

ROBIN

EXT. 5496

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	🌧	🌧
Partly Cloudy	Showers	Showers
High: 68 Low: 42	High: 52 Low: 34	High: 50 Low: 36

BOARD

FROM PAGE 1

chosen were Sociology/Anthropology, Mathematics, Music and Art. Yet, only three departments were visited.

Helm stated, "Unfortunately there was a conflict in scheduling for the Art department, but Art will be done in the fall."

Not only will the Board of Observers be used to advise about the academic departments on campus, but it will also serve to assess the administrative departments.

The first department to be assessed will be the Office of Career Services. Helm stated, "Every department will be reviewed every six or seven years."

A typical schedule for an Observer would be a dinner with the visiting committee, the President, the Provost/Vice President and the department head. Helm said that at this time "They [the Board of Observers] can ask questions about the briefing book they received from the departments."

"They [the Board of Observers] can ask questions about the briefing book they received from the departments."

Randy Helm,
President of the College

According to Helm, this is also a time for both himself and the Provost/Vice President to express that they "hope you look into the things I have on my mind." The next day after a breakfast to talk about what they hope to do here, the Board of Observers has lunch with majors and minors in that field.

Helm also said that another part of the Observers' job is to meet with other faculty from other departments that may depend on the observed department. For example, the Chemistry and Biology departments depend on the Mathematics department and work with one another.

After about a day and a half, the Observers leave and turn their assessments of the department into a formal report of recommendations that they send to the President and the department head. Tammy Lewis, head of the Sociology/Anthropology department was hesitant to comment about how her department came out in the assessment because, as she stated, "We have not responded yet." She has until May 5 to respond to the report, but she said, "What we think are strengths, they think are strengths."

"What we think are strengths, they [the Board of Observers] think are strengths."

Tammy Lewis,
Head of Sociology/
Anthropology

Lewis went on to say that the "observers can't make any changes; they only make an assessment." Helm reported that of the faculty he has spoken to about the impact of the Board of Observers, most faculty said "that it has been a very positive experience."

While some may have questioned why the alumni needed to be involved in this process, Helm stated that "others have figured out that diversity in background is helpful." Helm also said, "I think they're [the Board of Observers] off to a great start."

OFF CAMPUS

WIND TURBINE APPROVED

ALLENTOWN, PA – The Allentown Zoning Board granted the Da Vinci Discovery Center of Science and Technology at Cedar Crest College permission to build a 90-foot pole at the Cedar Crest and Hamilton boulevards intersection.

The pole will allow the propeller-like turbine to get high enough into the air to catch unobstructed wind. With the help of a $41,000 state grant the wind turbine is expected to supply about two percent of the center's energy. The wind turbine will also serve as an important part of the center's exhibit on alternative energy sources.

Those who visit the center will be able to measure the energy being generated by the turbine. In addition; the turbine will help the center qualify for public and private grants that encourage the use of clean energy.

The closest wind turbine to the Lehigh Valley area is located in Jersey City, NJ, used to provide some of the power to the Liberty Science Center. The tower will not be used for commercial uses such as a cell phone tower.

NORTHEAST EXTENSION REOPENED

ALLENTOWN, PA – According to State Police, the southbound side of the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike has been reopened between the Lehigh Valley and Quakertown exits.

The road had been closed after a fatal accident occurred. That section of the road was closed for more than five hours Tuesday morning.

One person was killed in the accident, which occurred at 5:13 a.m.

A box truck was struck in the rear by a tractor-trailer. Both vehicles were traveling north.

The impact caused the box truck to jump the guard rail and overturn onto the southbound side about a half-mile north of the Indian Creek Road overpass.

The driver of the box truck sustained moderate injuries, while a passenger in the truck was killed, state police said.

The road was reopened at 10:55 a.m. Traffic was heavy on Route 22 during throughout the morning hours in the area of the turnpike exits as a result of the road closure.

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

HEALTH

FROM PAGE 1

Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, "Many constituents have a stake in the Director of Health Services." Therefore, he said the goal is to make sure as many people as possible are part of the selection process.

Ehrenberg made the final decision to hire Dorsey, but he consulted the search committee before making the selection.

Ehrenberg said, "She brings strong experience to the Health Center. She'll be a great asset to the College Community."

He said that Dorsey is interested in increasing educational programming and that she has already visited some students who were in the hospital.

> *"[Dorsey] brings strong experience to the Health Center. She ll be a great asset to the College Community."*
>
> Rudy Ehrenberg,
> Dean of Students

Dorsey was previously Nurse Practitioner Supervisor at Penn State, Berks Campus. She worked there for three years before coming to the College.

According to Ehrenberg, nurse practitioners have additional expertise because they are permitted to do more than registered nurses (RNs) can.

Sam Miranda was the former Director of Health Services. He resigned abruptly during the Fall 2004 semester. Ehrenberg said it was because of "a personal matter."

Before Dorsey took over the position, Josie Cannariato, Staff Nurse, served as the acting director. Cannariato will be retiring at the end of the academic year.

In anticipation of Cannariato's retirement, an additional RN began working at the Health Center the same day Dorsey started.

Currently, the Health Center has four full-time RNs and one part-time RN. Dorsey said when Cannariato retires, there will be three full-time RNs and one part-time RN.

> *"Muhlenberg has a special family-type atmosphere. ... Everyone s very supportive and welcoming."*
>
> Brynnmarie Dorsey,
> Director of Health Services

Dorsey said, "As of right now, we're looking to maintain the two hours daily of doctor's hours."

The Health Center is open to students from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. She said there is also a 24-hour call service available to students when the Health Center is closed where an RN is on call for emergencies.

Dorsey said she knows the issue of contraceptives is a hot topic right now. She said, "We're working on how to get those established here."

She said that at one time, obstetric and gynecological exams were offered to female students in the evening, and she will be looking into various similar options.

Brynnmarie Dorsey is the new Director of Health Services at the College.

PHOTO BY MICHELLE SARTOR

Since taking her position at the College, Dorsey has had a good experience.

She said, "Muhlenberg has a special family-type atmosphere. It seems to be more community-centered and family-centered. Everyone's very supportive and welcoming."

Dorsey is open to suggestions from students. In fact, she would like student input regarding the direction of Health Services. She said, "I have an open door. Students can stop by."

Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 12 – Disorderly Conduct – When the reception supervisor at the Life Sports Center refused to give a student access to the building, he became angry and began yelling. He has been referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 13 – Vandalism to Vehicles – Six vehicles were struck by eggs on Liberty St. The cars were between 22nd and 26th St.

Apr. 13 – Suspicious Activity and Noise Complaint – APD reported that students were on a roof consuming alcohol and playing loud music. The students received a warning.

Apr. 13 – Injured Student – A student in Prosser Hall got the middle and ring fingers on the left hand pinched in a door frame. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Apr. 14 – Institutional Vandalism – Food was found smashed and thrown throughout the first floor of Prosser Hall.

Apr. 14 – Harassment – An incident of student-on-student verbal harassment has been referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 14 – Underage Possession of Alcohol – A large amount of hard alcohol was found in the room of underage students living in the Tremont Apartments. The students have been referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 14 – Injured Student – A student with no shoes or socks on stubbed his toe and ripped the skin on his toe while on the Front Lawn. He signed a release form and was therefore not transported anywhere.

Apr. 14 – Institutional Vandalism – A water fountain was pulled off the wall in the Life Sports Center.

Apr. 15 – Sick Student – A student at N. 23rd St. was sick because of alcohol. He was transported to St. Luke's Hospital and has been referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 15 – Possession of False Identification – A student dropped an ID card which turned out to be a fake driver's license. It contained the wrong state and date of birth. The student has been referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 15 – Injured Student – A student suffered a twisted ankle in the Life Sports Center and was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Apr. 16 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 318 Albright St. due to cooking.

Apr. 16 – Noise Complaint – There was suspected underage drinking occurring on the third floor of South Hall. When officers investigated, they found that all students were of age. The students were told to keep the noise down.

Apr. 17 – Noise Complaint – A noise complaint was called in about the second floor of South Hall. It was a roommate dispute. One roommate left the area and called in the noise complaint.

Apr. 17 – Institutional Vandalism – An individual at 411 N. 23rd St. found the Muhlenberg and Liberty St. sign, including the pole, on his front lawn. His neighbor's light post was also smashed.

Apr. 17 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at the Alpha Epsilon Pi house after an individual accidentally hit the detector while trying to kill a bee.

Apr. 17 – Injured Student – A student sustained a back injury at the Phi Kappa Tau house during Jello Wrestling. Friends of the student transported her to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Apr. 17 – Social Code Violation – Three students and one non-student were found in General's Quarters drinking beer. The three students were referred to the judicial process, and the non-student was given a letter of trespass. All students were over the age of 21.

Apr. 18 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in MacGregor Village after a Plant Operations employee accidentally set it off while doing work.

Apr. 18 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in Walz Hall after someone hit the ceiling smoke detector.

Apr. 18 – Injured Student – A student sustained a small cut to the left index finger while in the Trexler Pavilion. The student was taken to the Health Center.

Apr. 18 – Injured Student – A student sustained a cut on his eyelid in the Life Sports Center. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Summerfolk

A Play by Maxim Gorky

Gorky's majestic play reveals a group of professionals vacationing at their Russian dachas, or summer cottages, at the start of the 20th Century. These husbands and wives, friends and lovers are the sons and daughters of working class Russians. In their middle ages, they are now part of the small elite middle class whose work as doctors, lawyers, engineers, and civil servants allows them the luxury of these summer retreats.

In the early years of the century, Russians of every social class were beginning to sense the onset of a great upheaval. Caught between the failed aristocracies of the Czars and sensing they were just a heart beat away from the social revolution, the bourgeois lived with uncertainty. The old estates, farms and orchards were being sold to land developers to be divided into country properties for cottages, or dachas, for the "summerfolk" - people who work in the larger cities but spend their summers commuting between town and country. By the end of the 19th century, affording the leisure escape of your own country dacha was the mark of a successful professional family.

The rich emotional life of the characters in SUMMERFOLK could fill a novel, but each is so vivid and interesting that every shift in the constellation of characters on the stage takes you somewhere new. They are meeting, as they do every year, for their summer holiday. While they have the luxury to indulge themselves in idleness, there is growing among them a stifling ennui as they find themselves comfortably stationed but without purpose.

"They know the world is changing, and yet they fill their lives with unsatisfying nonsense because they cannot embrace the tide of history outside their doors," says the play's director, James Peck. "The mood is strangely tensile, and conversations reveal failed dreams, strained marriages, guilty pleasures, entangled friendships, contemplated adulteries and unrequited loves. The scenes of SUMMERFOLK also shift rapidly, and the experience of the play leaves us sharing their monumental secrets even before they explode on the stage.

Set against a sage and silver green wood of white birch, there is the feeling that this is an indistinct, ambiguous place, even with its great beauty. In this existential solitude rage the swirling conversations and swiftly changing dynamics of the characters who subtly and then more aggressively begin to question the meaning of their work and leisure. As the prospect of revolution hangs above Russia, some are frightened at the consequences of more social change; some are angry, some complacent; many are like ostriches, guilty of willful denial and neglect; and a few yearn for a new life.

As the play progresses, we are engaged by the dramatic ironies of knowing these characters better than they know themselves, and we are rewarded by the emergence of a few who finally choose to act upon their instincts with courage. As the tensions, resentments, and desires long buried by the trappings of upper middle class life assert themselves, their relationships alter forever.

SUMMERFOLK continues to have reverberations for our political times. A century later, we continue a global debate over human potential and social justice, the meaning of work, and the allocation of resources for profit and pleasure. "It's an incredible timely play," says Peck. "This play reminds us that people of education and privilege are in a position to act to address the social challenges of a society. Now, as then, some will make that choice, and others will only serve to preserve and protect their own interests."

"It's as if we've been sent on ahead - a search party - to find the road to a better life."

April 28, 29, 30 at 8 p.m.
April 30 & May 1 at 2 p.m.

Campus Tickets $5

Produced by the Muhlenberg Theatre Association
Dorothy Hess Baker Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance

"Life's a bitch, and she had puppies."

- Anonymous

Holocaust survivor visits campus: Relates harrowing experiences

By Erica Rosenbaum
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

A10491 used to stand for Irving Roth. While in a concentration camp, Roth was tattooed with this number and identified by it during his imprisonment. Roth, a Holocaust survivor, spoke at the College on Monday because he is dedicated to telling his story and keeping history alive.

Roth's family owned a business in Slovakia that produced railroad ties. Ironically, Roth's family helped create the railroad ties that took his family and so many others to Auschwitz. While looking through the slats in the cattle car, Roth wondered how many of the ties his family had provided.

As he tells his story he captures the audience's attention, explaining to us as if he were that child again: "Imagine having to hand over your fur coat to the police--that would be like buying a brand new pair of hundred and seventy-nine dollar shoes and giving them to the police just because you're Jewish." He described the transitions in Europe during the Holocaust and how they coincided with his life. His parents moved the family to Budapest to find work. While there Roth and his older brother ended up in a ghetto and were later sent to the infamous concentration camp Auschwitz. Roth's father and mother escaped this fate because Roth's father went into a coma and was placed in the hospital.

Roth lost many family members in Auschwitz, including his brother who was taken one day to another camp and never heard from again. As for his parents, they survived because of the help of a Christian woman who hid them in her house. "This woman used an extra closet to hide my parents.

During a routine search my parents hid, and when the Nazis opened the closet doors and saw linens they looked no further," explained Roth. He went on to describe an even closer encounter they had of being discovered, which was by the woman's son-in-law, who happened to be in the Nazi Army.

The Nazi returned one weekend to find Roth's parents in the house. His wife told him they were visiting distant relatives and that no one must know they were there or else he couldn't sleep in her bed. No one found out, and Roth's parents survived. Roth stated, "It was this story that my parents told of their survival that taught me the power of sex."

What seemed to bother Roth the most is the fact that over half a billion people stood by and did nothing as the Holocaust happened. Some good people even betrayed their Jewish friends. Roth's family experienced this first hand. When new laws said Jews could no longer own a business Albert, a non-Jewish family friend, signed papers saying he owned the Roth's business so that the Roth's could continue to run their business. However, soon Albert became greedy, saying he was a partner, wanting money and eventually threatening to fire the Roths. When asked what he wanted Muhlenberg students to take away from this lecture Roth replied that "prejudice breeds genocide." Mr. Roth is the founder of the Adopt a Survivor a program where students form relationships with Holocaust survivors. He wants the student and survivor to connect on all levels so that the stories will never be forgotten.

Irving Roth speaks enthusiastically to a room full of eager listeners in Seegers Union on Monday afternoon. Roth, the Grandfather of a Muhlenberg student, shares his story of survival and loss.

PHOTO BY JACKIE STARNER

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

HOW DO YOU COOL DOWN WHEN IT'S HOT OUTSIDE?

"Drink a beer."

-Frank Citera '07

"I would drink an ice-cold orange Gatorade."

-Tony Ciocco
G.Q. Supervisor

"Hanging out on the Phi Tau beach."

-James Nangeroni '06

"I take a cold shower in the tiny shower stall in the Brown bathroom."

-Justine Newman '07

"Get an ice cream from G.Q."
-Kelly Love '07

Anal sex: The whole story

By Christina Liciaga
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Anal intercourse has been called everything from arse piracy to uphill gardening, including back shafting, the chocolate cha-cha, David Hockney, fudge packing, gaand maarna (Hindi), mudpacking, petando el culo (Spanish), riding the Hershey highway, spooning and tail-gunning. Yet, this A-level, ass-drilling is most simply rectal penetration: a normal part of human sexual behavior, and perhaps (per last week's argument) fundamental to the definition of sex.

However because anal sex does not break the hymen, it has been considered a preservation of virginity, and therefore not sex. In fact, celibate religious orators of particular sects in the Middle Ages allowed anal intercourse, and in some contemporary cultures, anal intercourse is approved in a heterosexual context because it is less likely to result in pregnancy.

Who has anal sex? Statistics are uncertain: the Journal of Adolescent Health says eleven percent of sexually active college students participate in anal sex; *Social Organization of Sexuality: Sexual Practices in the United States*, a book by Edward Laumann notes 20 percent of heterosexuals have engaged in anal sex; and Alfred Kinsey quoted a participation close to 40 percent. These heterosexual findings coupled with the lack of homosexual anal intercourse research (although Laumann suggests 80 percent of homosexual males have engaged in anal intercourse), makes it difficult to deduce exactly who engages in anal intercourse. Yet historically, nearly every culture has engaged in rectal intercourse.

IN THE *NUDE*

In the ancient world, from Greece to Japan, anal sex was a hallmark of many male-male couples and recorded artistically and academically. In fact, although the frequency of anal sex in Ancient Greece pederasty is still disputed in scholarly circles, the common practice was coined "Greek Love," modernly tagged "Greek" because of its frequency.

Western cultures since the Middle Ages have not been as embracing of anal intercourse, introducing the heretic "buggery" as an insult for anal sex and other homosexual practices. The etymological roots are in medieval Bulgaria, where Buggre heretics were assaulted for their "sin" of anal intercourse; buggery, however, is most known for Henry VIII's 1533 Buggery Act which deemed anal sex, and consequently homosexuality, punishable by hanging.

In the modern world, the correlation of anal sex with homosexuality stigmatizes it as a perversion of sexual intercourse. In fact, countries all over the world have utilized acts against buggery and sodomy for hundreds of years.

In Queensland, Australia, jurisdiction still mandates an increased age of consent for anal sex, and in 2002 the People's Republic of China sentenced a person to three and a half years in prison for having anal sex with a teenager.

Hungary overturned its sodomy rulings in 1962, and France did not revoke their sodomy laws completely until 1982. In Canada, anal sex between consenting adults was banned until the 1960's when Trudeau liberals famously decided "the government has no place in the bedrooms of the nation."

This conviction that separated government from a person's sexuality was absent from western ideals until the U.K.'s Wolfenden report in 1967, the Human Rights Act of 1998 and in the U.S., a 2004 Supreme Court decision in Lawrence vs. Texas. As such, anal sex and sodomy is correlated to con-

SEE **SEX** | PAGE 12

The Amityville (plotless) *Horror*

By Jackie Starner
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

The opening scene of *The Amityville Horror* thrusts you into the gore, which permeates the film. Ronnie, the oldest son of a family living in a picturesque Dutch-colonial house erected in 1642 on Long Island, murders his parents, younger brothers and his little sister Jody with a shot gun. Before putting a bullet through Jody's head, Ronnie says, "I love you Jody," alluding to the fact that forces beyond Ronnie's control have caused him to commit these murders.

After introducing the initial murders committed in the house, the film cuts to a new family. They live in another part of Long Island and dream of owning their own home. Kathy Lutz, mother of three kids from a previous marriage, spots an ad for the house in the local paper. Although this house would normally be out of a young widow's price range, she goes along with her new husband George to check it out because for some reason it's really cheap. Of course, the young couple decides to buy it, though they have learned of the crime committed there. The house symbolizes to the couple a piece of the American dream.

After the new family moves in, there are really no plot surprises left in the film. We easily predict that the dark force present in the house will drive a member of the Lutz family to commit a crime similar to Ronnie's. The only point of watching the film becomes not to find out what happens to the characters, but to be grossed out and startled, which might be the point of a horror film in the first place.

The film definitely freaked many in the theater out as they screamed in unison at the gory figures haunting the broad hallways of the otherwise beautiful home. Some people might even find it necessary to watch a majority of the film between the slits in their fingers because practically no scene is startle free.

Especially creepy characters include the little girl Jody, who immediately befriends Kathy's daughter of about the same age. One of the classic situations like in *The Others* where the young child meets a ghost and the parent thinks the child just has an imaginary friend occurs.

At times the ghosts in the house seemed like a hoax. For example, the youngest son runs to the bathroom in the middle of the night and encounters a bald, wild-looking man with blood streaming from his mouth.

Although, this image frightens, it does not seem necessary at first to the plot of the film. However, the film redeems itself by explaining why this particular ghost, who was not a member of the murdered Defaos, appears.

The most interesting part of the film consists of Kathy researching the history of the house. The movie would have been a pointless flop if the reason behind the dark force inhabiting the house had not been divulged. However, after the viewer knows why the house is haunted, the movie becomes a waiting game. You wait for these stupid people to get out of the house, and for the movie to finally be over.

If you take anything from *The Amityville Horror*, it should be to never move into a house where a gruesome crime was committed because it's just not healthy to live in an aura of death.

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

The Amityville Horror
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Fever
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sat. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Guess Who
Fri. 4:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 9:30
Sun. 4:00

The Interpreter
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Kung Fu Hustle
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 1:50, 4:50. 7:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

A Lot Like Love
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Pacfier
Fri. 7:00
Sat. 7:00
Sun. 7:00

Sahara
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 1:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Sin City
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Sketch comedy: Fun even without eggs

By Dan McClung
Asst. Life! Editor

This past weekend saw the reunion of "Fun with Eggs," a sketch comedy/improv troupe comprised of Muhlenberg students, which drew an enormous crowd into the relatively small amount of space the Red Door provides.

The group, having performed earlier this year, returned to the Red Door with a new set of pre-written material intertwined with designated improv games that relied upon suggestions from the audience.

The event began with a voiceover, which proceeded to triumphantly introduce the group amidst elaborate lighting (within the realm of the capabilities of the Red Door) and equally elaborate costumes, many of which involved members of the all-male group in drag.

The cast, primarily sophomores, included Will Hartwell '07, Chris Scheer '07, Matt Rosazza '07, Brian Kirchner '07, Brian Byus '07, Jeremy Hagan '07, Tim Gross '05 and Will Schmidt '08.

Improv, which was done between pre-written acts, included familiar games such as "freeze tag" and "bartender," the latter of which is known for its frequent use on the improv television series *Whose Line is it Anyway?* All of the actors were good at maintaining a flow of improvised dialogue, which in many cases involved the difficult task of spitting out song lyrics on the spot.

The sketch elements varied vastly in their subject matter. One notable sketch was one involving a television advertisement for a children's game that consisted of repeatedly applying force to one's reproductive organs.

The strange sequence was accompanied by a humorous musical contrivance provided by Rosazza and, as is often the case in sketch comedy, this particular gag resurfaced later on in the show.

Another notable pre-written element was a setup in which two progressive parents argued with their eight-year-old son over his newly acquired right leanings. Amidst intense bickering, the parents ultimately came to the conclusion that they would have to deal with a republican son.

Also notable was a confrontation between an American tourist and a peculiar Irishman wearing sunglasses who carried a suitcase who managed to infuse anyone in his vicinity with the talents of Michael Flatly. The skit concluded with the entire group engaged in expressive celtic dance.

Much of the evening, in fact, resembled a combination of elements of *Whose Line is it Anyway?* and the occasionally popular *Saturday Night Live* sketch routines.

However, this show, in its casual presentation and level of closeness with the audience, felt more like one of the improv shows at the Upright Citizen's Brigade Theatre in downtown Manhattan.

That venue, initiated by members of the now-defunct television program The Upright Citizen's Brigade, holds similar improv shows that focus around the "Harold," which is a long form improv that involves members of groups streaming nonstop improvised dialogue for entire half-hour segments.

Though no "Harold" form was found in "Fun with Eggs," the group managed to successfully combine the improv and sketch comedy into an amusing hour's worth of entertainment.

The evening concluded with a musical number, initiated by Rosazza with the rest of the group providing backup.

It was evident from the execution of the production that a significant amount of work was put into it. In this particular case, the results certainly justified that.

Members of the group successfully married two very different comedic forms, and the large size of the audience indicated that it resonated.

The Muhlenberg Weekly

SERVING THE MUHLENBERG COMMUNITY SINCE 1883

The Weekly is now accepting applications for the following positions:

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
EXECUTIVE EDITOR
NEWS EDITOR
MANAGING EDITOR
SPORTS EDITOR
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR
OP/ED EDITOR
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR
FOCUS EDITOR
ASSISTANT OP/ED EDITOR
DESIGN CONSULTANT
ASSISTANT FOCUS EDITOR
ONLINE EDITOR
SUBSCRIPTION MANAGER
LIFE EDITOR
BUSINESS MANAGER
COPY EDITOR
ASSISTANT LIFE! EDITOR
ASSISTANT BUSINESS
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
ASSISTANT SUBSCRIPTIONS

Applications are available at the Seegers Union front desk or by contacting Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief at weekly@muhlenberg.edu

Applications are due April 28th

horoscopes

By Mme Emma Nordica and the writers of *That '70s Show*

Aries

"I was hoping to just get by on my looks."

Although you are very pretty, looks won't get you very far. Well, with some professors they might. But for those professors who plan on keeping their jobs you'll need to write all those papers that you've let pile up. And you better get moving because the end of the semester is approaching quickly.

Taurus

"The truth is out there, man, it's out there."

While it's good to consider life's philosophical questions with your friends, maybe you should spend a little less time discussing these "important" issues on the lawn and a little more time with your trusty lap top. A professor will soon be giving you an unexpected, extra assignment so plan ahead.

Gemini

"Without rules, we all might as well be up in a tree flinging our crap at each other."

You have been doing what you want and not getting caught up until now. But watch out those Campus Safety officers are smarter than they look, and they're on to you. So start behaving a little better or at least stop breaking so many laws. Shape-up if you wish to avoid misfortune.

Cancer

"The surgeon general called, he told you to stop taking all the penicilin."

You really need to give yourself a break. When the nurses at the Health Center and the pharmacists at CVS know your name that's a bad sign. If you keep pulling all those late nights and skipping all those meals, you're going to come down with mono before you know it.

Leo

"Yeah: it's funny when friends get hurt."

You are a very bad, mean person. You should apologize to your friends immediately before they hate you forever. Next time when a situation arises in the near future try to control your anger and consider your words carefully before you utter something you regret.

Virgo

"C'mon Eric, we never ask you for anything."

Your friends do ask you for a lot, and of course you always say yes. But don't sell your soul so that a few more people will like you. Pay attention to which friends like being around you without wanting something from you, and ditch the ones who are only using you.

Libra

"Sometimes my brain is doing things that even I don't even know about."

Sometimes you underestimate yourself because you do not have faith in your abilities. You have more talent than you think, so start taking risks. Maybe you can get into an Ivy League grad school. Don't count yourself out just yet because your future is full of possibility.

Scorpio

"Don't resist me, Mama. It's boogie time."

You deserve to have a good time once in a while. College is not all about maintaining a 4.0; it's also about having those quintessential college experiences like a three a.m. Wal-Mart run. If you don't give yourself a break, you'll eventually become too worn-out to keep traveling on your over-scheduled life.

Sagittarius

"It's amazing what one act of civil disobedience can do for a person."

Yes, it is earth week, a time to explore your hippie roots, but don't get carried away. Protesting in front of Victor's Lament is fine and all but don't try to climb him. He's just gotten a new coat of red paint, which makes everyone happy, so don't ruin that for us. But find a cause you support, and go for it.

Capricorn

"All families are embarassing. If they aren't embarassing they're dead."

Next time your family visits campus and embarrasses you, be a little more understanding of them. At least don't yell at them and storm off like you did over Family Weekend. In the future you will definitely regret not valuing the time you spent with your family.

Aquarius

"You know what I love? Fruitcake. All those fruit just stuffed into one cake."

Okay, so we all have our strange obsessions, but don't let such obsessions overtake your life. Try to distract yourself by journaling or working out. Pretty soon visions of delicious fruitcakes will no longer be frolicking through your dreams.

Pisces

"Opportunity does not knock, then knock again, then leave a note saying 'sorry I missed you.'"

That's right, so don't widdle away your days sitiing out on the front lawn in a bikini catching some rays. You need to start focusing on your future or a very important opportunity will pass you by. Don't let your future go down the drain.

SEX | FROM PAGE 10

viction and imprisonment, most famously in the U.K. with Oscar Wilde and in the U.S.A. with McCarthyism.

The false correlation of anal sex with homosexuality and sin (medieval woodcuts actually portray anus-kissing persons as representative devils) has deterred individuals from admitting to or experiencing anal stimulation; an admittedly unfortunate state of affairs. Couple this stigma with the crudely coined "stirring the fudge," and you have partners fearfully staying far away from their anuses. Truth is, anal sex can be very pleasurable for both partners and is not a scary, messy, painful experience, but an intimate one. In addition to the tightness of penetration, women's G-spot is often stimulated from an alternate direction as a thin wall exists between the rectum and vagina.

And men's G-spot is the prostate gland, located near the rectal wall, and therefore a central source of pleasure during anal sex. With so much pleasure to offer, it is a wonder why more people (especially college students) aren't exploring the anus as a source of sexual stimulation. I suspect the hesitancy is namely ignorance, so I've collected three must-knows about anal sex to offer liberation and allow exploration:

1. By initiating stimulation with fingers or dildos and using slow, gentle insertion, you can avoid tearing rectal tissue and thus the painful prospects of anal sex.

2. "Too big" for anal sex is longer than eight inches, cautioned only because it risks colliding with the sigmoid colon and the female uterus which passes adjacent to the rectum. But being that the average penis size is about 5.5 inches erect, this is hardly ever a cause for concern.

3. Use a condom as unprotected anal sex is the most effective way to transmit an STD. And since vaseline and other oil lubricants can destroy latex condoms, be cognisant of your anal sex combinations.

Most importantly, forget the "insert here" limitations of government and societal stereotypes, and enjoy the ride.

Session I Starts May 23!

MUHLENBERG
SUMMER STUDY

Register Now

It's the perfect time to catch up or move ahead!

A wide selection of 4-, 6- and 10-week courses available, including:

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Asian Traditions
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilization
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Science
- History
- Mathematical Sciences
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Spanish
- Studio Arts

FOR MORE INFORMATION

contact The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College at 484.664.3300 or visit:

www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/summer

Registrations accepted: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m. to noon

Mules' long weekend doesn't pay in wins

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

Scoreboard:
4/15 Ursinus L 2-7
4/16 Gettysburg
L 5-8 W13-2
4/17 McDaniel
L 11-16 (8) L 9-24
4/19 Dickinson W 23-2

BASEBALL

On Friday the Mules lost to Ursinus College 7-2. Going into the fourth inning, the Mules were ahead 2-0 with their first run plated in the second inning when Sophomore Pete Oris slammed a double and was brought home by a single from Sophomore Mike Hart.

Then in the fourth, Oris scored again, this time reaching base off of a walk and scoring off of a two-out hit by sophomore A.J. Bettini.

Less than twenty-four hours later, the Mules played two more games, losing the first 8-5 and winning the second 13-2 in their home doubleheader versus Gettysburg College.

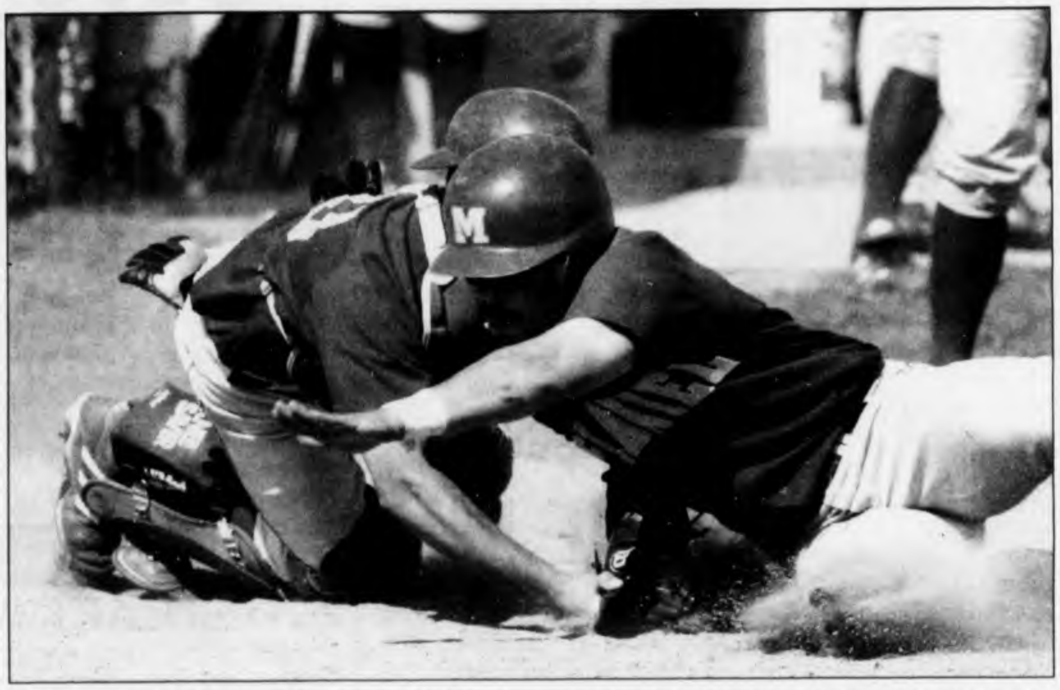
The first game against the Bullets exemplified a feisty Mules team as they were down 5-0 in the first but fought back with runs in the third and fourth inning to tie the game at five all.

After their first home loss this season, the Mules bounced back and added one to the "W" column led by the pitching of Senior Matt Cooper. Cooper threw his first career complete game which was also the staff's first of this season. He struck out a career-high eight batters.

While Cooper sparked the Mules defense, Senior C.J. Kessler sparked the offense, leading off the bottom of the first inning with a triple. Sassaman sent him home. Senior Matthew Long reached base off a single, and a Tobia triple sent him home to lead the Bullets 2-0.

Another triple from Kessler in the second sent Carlo home to increase the lead to 3-0. In the third inning, Matt Tobia slammed his fifth home run of the season. The third triple of the game, this time from Sassaman, plated Kessler in the fourth.

Seven more runs in the last two innings sealed a Mules victory. In the seventh, Petersen plated Sassaman and a hard-hitting Hart lined a two-run double. A triple to right field from Junior Mike Goin plated two more, and the Mules entered the last inning ahead 11-2. The Mules added two more in the last inning and clinched a 13-2 victory.



Sophomore A.J. Bettinni tags out a McDaniel runner sliding into home. Bettinni was named to the April 18 C.C. Honor Roll, hitting a team-leading .432 in C.C. games.

Photo by Rob Kandel

By Sunday the Mules were onto games five and six of a six day span of Centennial Conference competition. They dropped two in a doubleheader versus McDaniel College 16-11 and 24-9.

The first game was a valiant effort as the Mules were down 9-2 before an offensive explosion that brought the game within one run.

Junior Chad Hegstrom started the inning and was plated by a two-out RBI triple from Sophomore Ryan Sassaman. Senior Matthew Long put the ball in play which sent Sassaman home. The two out rally continued when Junior Matt Tobia lined one to left field and a triple from Mike Hart sent Long and Tobia home.

Sophomore Pete Oris closed out the offensive inning with a two run home run.

The Green Terror answered back with two runs increasing their lead 11-8. The Mules retaliated with three more of their own. A trio of singles from Bettini, Hegstrom and Kessler loaded the bases, and Bettini scored when Sassaman walked.

A shot up the middle from Matthew Long plated the other two runs of the inning, tying the score at 11-11 at the bottom of the seventh and sending the game into extra innings.

The Green Terror closed the door with five runs in the top of the eighth, and the Mules could not fight back.

As of the Apr. 11 Centennial Conference release, Junior Aaron Regensburg and Sophomore Jason Bonder are tied for third in the Centennial Conference with three conference wins.

Senior Gregg Burkhart and Bonder are tied at ninth and tenth respectively for most Conference innings pitched. Bonder is ranked fifth with twenty-nine strike outs while Burkhart is seventh with twenty-eight. Senior Pete Lankarge is second with two Centennial Conference saves.

After his complete game win versus Gettysburg, Cooper was named to the Centennial Conference Honor Roll.

Coach Macaluso said of Tobia's strong offensive support this season stating, "We always saw potential in [Tobia] as a good hitter. He's a big, strong kid. This year he has more plate discipline and more confidence. He is starting to hit the way he is capable of hitting. I don't think it's a fluke what he's done; I think he will continue to hit more home runs."

"I think the leadership is good overall," said Macaluso. "The two captains [Long and Regensberg] have been leading. When Regensberg isn't pitching, he's been leading vocally on the bench. Long is a good role model out on the field. C.J. [Kessler], Burkhart and Cooper are also good leaders--Lankarge especially. And [Kessler's] playing a good center field for us."

After dropping a few Centennial Conference games last week, the Mules need to play "with a sense of urgency" said Macaluso. "We have to play real intense and with a sense of purpose from here on out if we're going to get in playoffs."

Closing Time

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls will be closing on the following date and time:

For All Students *

Saturday, May 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

**Seniors must be moved out by 6pm on Sunday, May 22nd!!*

Questions? Please call the Office of Residential Services at X3180

Mules place eleventh at Widener

By Kristen Ziegler
Sports Editor

Scoreboard:
4/14 Tom Ruggieri Invitational 11th
4/19 Franklin and Marshall Invitational 12th

MEN'S GOLF

In the Tom Ruggieri Invitational, the Mules finished eleventh out of nineteen teams. Though no Conference teams competed at Widener College, the invitational warmed them up for the Franklin and Marshall Invitational that weekend.

Out of 94 golfers, Senior Matthew Schoenfeld tied for 29th place. His round of 83 was fourteen strokes behind the leader. Phil Arouca of La Salle shot a 69; his team placed second.

Junior Brian Farrelly shot an 87, and Senior Weston Happ was just two strokes behind, shooting an 89. Junior Tim Johnston and Sophomore Jon Harris both shot a 91.

In the Franklin and Marshall Invitational, the Mules placed twelfth, but their team score was 341 versus the previous tournament's 350.

Junior Chris Walach shot a 74, the season's lowest round for any Mule. He tied for fourth, just four strokes behind the leader, Dan Pickering of The College of New Jersey.

"We just had a normal practice," said Walach. "Our new coach has been getting us out there more often. We play nine holes a day."

Sophomore Patrick Moyle shot an 83, his best performance of the spring. Farrelly was one stroke lower than his round at the Tom Ruggieri Invitational; he shot an 86. Sophomore Brian Ruht shot a 98.

The Mules are taking a break this week. Next week, they compete in the Centennial Conference Championships on Apr. 30 and May 1 and 2.

Seven records set

By Allison Auclair
Sports Editor

Scoreboard:
4/16 Bucknell Outdoor Classic NTS

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Featuring nearly 40 schools, the Bucknell Outdoor Classic was one of the largest meets in which the Mules compete during their regular season.

Although the Mules did not earn many places, they nevertheless finished with two overall NCAA provisional qualifying performances, seven school records and nineteen Eastern College Athletic Conference Championship qualifying performances.

For the women, Sophomore Sarah Mitchell broke a College record with a distance of 133-0. Also breaking a College record was Sophomore Rachel Drosdick, who scored 3,819 points in the heptathlon – nearly 400 points better than the old record which she previously set. Drosdick has now qualified for ECACs for two events, the heptathlon and the 100 high hurdles.

Junior Karen Mount had two personal bests, as she set College records in both the 800 meters and the 1,500 meters. Mount finished the 800 meters with a time of 2:18.94, and the 1,500 meters in 4:52.19. A College record was broken by Senior Jenna Belisonzi in the 5,000 meters. This record, which had been standing for twelve years, was beaten by Belisonzi with a time of 18:01.34.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team qualified for the ECACs and broke the College record it set last week with a time of 50.41.

In the 100m hurdles, Senior Ashlie Hankee led the Mules with a time of 15.51, while Junior Danielle Seiler led the Mules in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:05.31.

The top female Mule in the discus was Senior Kristin Boydston, who threw a distance of 117-8.

The women were not the only ones who had a good meet. The Mules' men had a performance that was nothing less than spectacular. Senior John Brodowski, won the decathlon with an NCAA provisional score of 6,405 points.

In the 800 meters, Sophomore Stephen Rothwell led the Mules with a time of 1:56.67, while Sophomore teammate Tim Seeley was the top finisher in the 5,000 meters with a time of 15:26.19.

Sophomore Dave Chesny and Senior Christopher Martin both qualified for ECACs in the Steeplechase. Freshman Joel Haddock dominated in the long jump and triple jump, with distances of 21-31/4 and 42-3/4, respectively. The discus event was ruled by Senior Jeff Salzano, who finished fifth overall, throwing a distance of 139-6.

Women ranked; men fall to ranked

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

Scoreboard:	
Women	
4/14 Dickinson	W 9-0
4/16 Kenyon	W 9-0
Men	
4/16 Johns Hopkins	L 1-6
4/19 Ursinus	W 5-2

TENNIS

The Mules are ranked eighth in the Atlantic South region. Junior Amy Schmidt is ranked sixth in the region for singles.

The Mules' number one doubles team of Schmidt and Freshman Ashley Reed is ranked tenth. The two are undefeated and beat Dickinson College 8-1 to notch their tenth straight victory.

Against Dickinson College, the Mules won 9-0. The doubles teams of Schmidt and Reed, Sophomore Pam Kimmelman and Senior Emily Oster, and Junior Stacy Lipschutz and Sophomore Kelly Fraser all came home victorious.

Schmidt and Reed are having success as doubles partners. The two play soccer together in the fall, and Coach Andrews notes, "the other thing is that they're also from the same town area as well. They play soccer together in the fall, and they're in excellent shape. So those are a couple things that create the chemistry."

On Saturday, the Mules hosted Centennial Conference competition, the Gettysburg Bullets in what was their last home match of the season. They made it a memorable one as they tied a College record for consecutive shutouts when the defeated the Bullets 9-0.

Adding to the day, Schmidt broke the College record for combined wins in a season with 25. Oster closed out her home match career. She tied the College record for career combined wins in spring dual matches with 78.

With two regular season matches left, the team needs to "concentrate each match going in. The plan is to stay focused, have no mental let downs and get the job done," said Andrews.

Andrews also noted that the Mules "graduated five seniors, four of which were in the starting lineup for four years."

On making this adjustment, she said, "I was very proud of my team for this year. We still came back [after graduating the seniors] and are spouting a 10-3 record. This team lived up to their expectations. This has probably been one of my most satisfying years of coaching."

The men's team fell 6-1 to the Atlantic South region's sixth-ranked Johns Hopkins University. The Mules' lone point came from Senior co-Captain Mitchell Reading who won in the number three singles spot.

Reading is proud of "the level of energy that the freshman put in this season. Dave Yaron is one of the freshman that stepped it up this year." Yaron is playing sixth singles for the Mules and has five wins.

With two regular season matches left, Reading said, "We need to focus on our mental toughness. We need to win close three set matches and focus on our doubles game."

The Mules play Washington College on Saturday and Ursinus College on Wednesday.

Sophomore Pam Kimmelman returns a serve in her doubles victory against Dickinson College.

Photo by Rob Kandel

'Berg splits again

By James Petersen
Weekly Sports Writer

Scoreboard:
4/16 Washington (M.D.)
W 5-3 W 5-4 (9)

4/17 Gettysburg
L 0-2 L 0-4

Senior Becki Toth led the Mules' attack in a four game weekend as she also secured a place for herself in the College softball record books.

SOFTBALL

With a leadoff hit in the bottom of the first inning against Washington College, Toth became the Mules' all-time leader in hits with 173.

The Mules would carry that momentum throughout the game. Toth would later score in the first to give the Mules an early lead. Sophomore Tina Roth who is making a name for herself in the Conference (she was named to the Centennial Conference Honor Roll twice so far this season) hit a two-out, three run double, which proved to be the game-winning hit.

Juniors Tara DeMarzo and Missy DeFrain both had a successful day at the plate knocking in one run each. The Mules (11-12, 5-3) led 5-0 after four innings of play, but the Shorewomen (15-11, 3-7) scored three times in the fifth.

The Shorewomen would not surrender until Sophomore Nicole Washburn stepped it up on the mound, forcing three straight groundouts in the sixth with the tying runner in scoring position. The Mules would preserve the win taking the first of the two games 5-3.

The Mules needed some heroics in the second game which was tied until the top of the eighth. Washington College scored three runs in the first of the extra innings and all but had the Mules beat in this pitcher's dual.

The Mules would not go down quietly as Toth and Sophomore Katie Olsen reached on consecutive bunt singles to lead off the inning. The Mules would record two outs after Olsen's hit leaving it to Junior Tara DeMarzo to keep the inning alive. DeMarzo responded to the pressure with a line drive double to right center.

The Mules, now within one run, needed Junior Lindsay Ruhling to top off the rally. Ruhling knocked a double down the right field line to even the score.

The Mules would take the win in the ninth. Vecchione led off the inning with a base hit after a sacrifice fly provided by Washburn. Toth fittingly ended her day with the winning hit.

"The atmosphere on Saturday was a great representation that this team has a deep history and the field is its future. We play not only for each other, but for the whole Muhlenberg softball community, and it was nice to have a lot of that community there," said co-Captain Senior Ally Ogden.

"To top off beautiful weather and terrific fan support from past coaches, alumni, family and friends, were two exciting victories and [Toth] breaking the career hits record," continued Ogden.

Unfortunately the Mules could not carry over their success on Saturday to Sunday's doubleheader versus Gettysburg College. Washburn provided the pitching, allowing only three hits in the losing effort.

The Mules were unable to put something together on offense and fell to the Bullets 2-0 and 4-0.

The Mules lost the second game in each of the doubleheaders last week and then dropped a pair on Sunday after winning two the day before. When asked about the inability to win those second games Ogden said, "We've been explosive on offense in the first games and then we don't carry it over into the second game. This weekend we did the same thing and did not carry our offense into the second day of competition."

"We're not using the wins as stepping stones to the next game. Instead we are starting all over from the bottom every time," said Ogden.

The Mules continue their struggle to the Conference playoffs on Saturday when they travel to McDaniel College.

Junior Missy DeFrain watches the ball all the way to the bat as she makes solid contact in Sunday's game versus Gettysburg College. Unfortunately the Mules could not produce a win.
Photo by Rob Kandel

Freshman Phenomena

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

A freshman is defined as "a student in the first-year class of a high school, college or university; a beginner; a novice."

These five spring athletes are far from "beginners" as they have been demonstrating veteran talent during their rookie season. Some of these athletes have already broken College records. Others have been clutch in high pressure situations. These five freshman are far from "novice" and are therefore noted as this week's "freshman phenomena."

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD:

JENNA LOMBARDI set two College records when she ran the 100 meter in 12.97 seconds and was the lead leg of the 4x100 meter relay that ran a College record time of 50.45.

In the indoor season, she holds the 55 meter record running a 7.61 and was on the 4x200 meter relay team that ran 1:49:33.

SOFTBALL:

In her first career start, **KATIE VECCHIONE** struck out three in a 7-2 win against Marietta. Vecchione came in on relief in a 6-5 win over Dickinson College in the team's first Centennial Conference doubleheader of the season. She struck out the final two batters of the inning and would go on to strike out six in the four and 2/3 innings she pitched.

Vecchione also provided offensive support, hitting a shot up the middle and plating the tying run. In a game against Washington (Md.) she pitched relief and retired three in a row, then led off with a single which proved to be the winning run.

BASEBALL:

JOE CARLO was a first team All-Essex and second team All-State selection in high school, leading the county with 48 hits and was described by the New Jersey Star Ledger as a "motivational leader in left field." He hit .421 his senior season.

Here at the College, he has not lost a step. He is second on the team with a .339 batting average and third with a .446 on-base percentage. He scored the go-ahead run in a 5-3 win against Wilkes College when he doubled and scored off a pair of errors.

In an 11-8 win over Wheaton College his clutch hitting and speedy baserunning got the Mules within one as he lined an RBI single, then stole second and later home. Carlo also had a game-winning two run single in the Mules' 7-5 win over College Misericordia.

MEN'S LACROSSE:

KYLE FARRIS is third on the team with eighteen points (fifteen goals, three assists) and third on the team with twelve goals. He scored the winning goal in an overtime victory versus Montclair State. Against nationally ranked Gettysburg College, Farris scored a goal, giving the Mules a 2-1 lead and then scored another in the second half, putting the Mules within one goal of the Bullets.

MICKEY NORTON leads the team with 32 points (ten goals, 22 assists). He is first with 22 assists and second on the team in game-winning goals. Norton is fourth in the Centennial Conference with assists per game and fourteenth in goals per game.

In the College's record books, he ranks fourth under points per season with 32. He is also fourth in the books with 22 career assists and is second under assists per game with four. Norton's name leads the College under assists in a season, dishing out 22 and all of this with over three years still to play.

WOMEN'S TENNIS:

ASHLEY REED is fifth in the College record books category of double wins per season with twelve. She ranks sixth in consecutive double wins per season.

Reed and doubles partner Junior Amy Schmidt are ranked tenth in the region with a score of 19-3. Five of their wins are against nationally-ranked teams.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Inside: *Women's Tennis defeats two teams 9-0. page 14*

Inside: *Baseball plays six games in a six day span. page 13*

'Berg fights for first

By Shannon Donohue
Weekly Sports Writer

Scoreboard:
4/16 Kenyon W 20-9

MEN'S LACROSSE

The Mules split their past two games, taking a loss to Centennial Conference competition Dickinson College last week and earning a win over Kenyon College. This brought their overall record to seven and five.

An outstanding effort by the Mules helped to bring them to a 20-9 win over Kenyon College. They broke many College records in the process. This win, which broke the College record of seven wins in a season, helped to bring the Mules into the record books for goals and assists in a season as well.

The Mule's offense was led by Junior Galen Marsh, who had four goals, helping to prove Marsh's tenacious style of play and lightening-quick speed.

"Galen played like a madman," said Junior James Robinson. "Kenyon couldn't stop him, only hope to contain him."

Freshman James Corley also showed his offensive contribution during his first career start, making three of his four shots for his first career hat trick.

"Corley has really stepped up to fill a void in our attack unit," said Marsh.

The Mules took an early lead over Kenyon, then went on a six goal scoring streak through the first half, taking the lead 9-4 at the half. Eleven different players scored for the Mules. Sophomore James McTernan scored for the first time this season.

Sophomore Sean Toohill also had a hat trick, and added two assists as well, to bring his season total to a well-respected 28 points. In the final fifteen minutes of the game, the Mules scored seven times to seal their win over Kenyon.

Freshman Kyle Farris cradles the ball as he sprints downfield in the Mules' game against Kenyon on Saturday.

Photo by Aaron Wagner

Defensively, sophomore goalie Gavin Crescenzo had another twelve-save game-- his third in a row-- to bring his total close to 100 for this season. Sophomore defenseman Kyle Hart had a goal, assist and career high seven ground balls.

As expected, Freshman Mickey "Eagle Eye" Norton was on top of the assist column, adding three more to tie the College record for assists in a season, with 22.

"It feels good to get back in the winning column again. We were having trouble getting out of this slump, and I think we are starting to get back in the groove," said Norton, who has proven himself as one of the Mules' biggest offensive threats because of his accurate passing and great view of the field at all times.

"Certain people are starting to shine when we really need them, like Galen Marsh. He has been working really hard on his own time with his blistering shot, and it paid off against a tough and well respected Kenyon goalie, with his four goal output," said Norton.

The Mules will face Washington College on Saturday and play home against Ursinus College on Wednesday.

Mules crushed by Green Terror

By Joe Nash
Weekly Sports Writer

Scoreboard:
4/16 McDaniel L 9-18

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The Mules faced off against McDaniel College with an 18-9 loss at McDaniel. The Mules started off the game with Junior Courtney Tapkas finding the net within the first three and a half minutes of play.

McDaniel immediately struck back, scoring three goals within a minute and a half. The Mules scored again, but the Green Terror responded with four straight goals making the score 7-2 after nineteen minutes of play. Tapkas scored once more and the half ended with McDaniel leading 7-3.

Starting off the second half, McDaniel scored two goals and quickly widened their lead to 9-3. Then Junior Shannon Donohue scored two in a row, allowing the Mules to be within four goals with the score at 9-5.

McDaniel fired back for the rest of the half; with every Mules goal, McDaniel picked up at least two goals of their own.

Tapkas went on to score the last goal of the game, ending the day with five goals. She was only one goal away from the College record for goals in a career.

Donohue ended the day with two goals, and Sophomore Katie Reimann and Senior Amy Lanning scored one each.

The loss against McDaniel was a major setback for the Mules' chances of making the Centennial Conference playoffs. They are now tied for fifth place, but have lost to the two other teams that are also seated fifth.

Despite these downsights, Tapkas is second in the Centennial Conference with the most goals scored per game, averaging 3.00 goals a game. She is only three goals shy for the most goals of the season out of other Centennial Conference contenders.

The Mules only have Dickinson and Gettysburg Colleges left to play out of Centennial Conference competition.

In order to stay in the running for Conference playoffs, Junior Captain Jess Geiger said, "We need to beat Dickinson on Wednesday and really focus on our mental game."

When asked about the season so far Geiger said, "I'm proud of the adjustments we've made throughout the season and that we've built onto the team that we started last year."

"Everyone came into the season with their heads in it and their hearts in it," continued Geiger. The Mules will need to put both into these last two Conference games in order to keep their playoff hopes alive.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Inside

The College has begun its re-accreditation process with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.
page 5

Inside

Arts Week invades campus with music, dance and theater performances.
page 9

VOLUME CXXVI, ISSUE 22 *Serving the Muhlenberg College Community Since 1883* THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2005

Jane Flood, Associate Professor of Physics; Richard Niesenbaum, Associate Professor of Biology; Donald Shive, Professor of Chemistry; Randy Helm, President of the College; Richard Brueckner '71, Chairman-elect of the Board of Trustees; Arthur Altman '53, Trustee and Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee; Mal Gross of the Trexler Trust; John Heffer P'96, outgoing Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Jared Fine '06, Student Body President pose at the groundbreaking ceremony.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

College and Board see change

By Lauren Wiesner
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Lab coats, goggles and hard hats were common accessories at the groundbreaking ceremony for the renovations of the science buildings and Seegers union. The ceremony coincided with the annual spring meeting of the Board of Trustees on campus and was just one of several milestone events for the College during the Trustees' visit. Following the announcement of John Heffer P'96, Chairman of the Board of Trustees' resignation at the last Board meeting, Richard Brueckner '71 was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees at this month's meeting. His new role will commence July 1, 2005.

Heffer's term came during a transitional period for the College. His term began as Arthur Taylor, former President of the College's term ended. Randy Helm, President of the College explained that Heffer "commanded respect from all constituencies" during the Taylor departure. Helm emphasized that "this college owes John [Heffer] a debt it can never repay for getting it through a turbulent time."

Heffer recounted that some of the greatest accomplishments of the Board during his term were "transitioning to a new president and changing the way the Board governs. I believe the Board became more interactive with [the College's constituents]." His personal challenges as Chairman included "stabilizing the situation after Arthur Taylor was no longer president, finding an interim president and finding new members of the Board after some resignations."

"We are grateful for John [Heffer]'s commitment to Muhlenberg and his leadership over the past three years as Chair of the Board," said Brueckner. Heffer has one more year during his term as Board member and executive committee member, and he plans to continue being an active member of the College Community thereafter. The faculty also passed a resolution of appreciation for John Heffer on Apr. 22.

Brueckner, the Chief Executive Officer of the Pershing LLC, a subsidiary of The Bank of New York Company, Inc., is also on the Board of Directors for the Securities Industry Association and a trustee for the Foundation for Investor Education. In a family of legacy, Brueckner's wife, Laurie, graduated from the College in 1972, and their son Erik graduated in 2004. Brueckner was previously the Board's vice chair.

Brueckner believes that the Board's "primary objective over the next few years is to help make the [Strategic] Plan a reality." He explained that the College has "one of the low-

SEE **BOARD** | PAGE 6

Shows no longer funded solely by Council

By Jeremy Duncan
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Summerfolk will be the last stage show at the College under the old system of fund allocations. Starting next fall, main stage productions will no longer be funded through the Muhlenberg Theatre Association (MTA) and the Muhlenberg Dance Association (MDA) by Student Council allocations. The money will instead come from the Theatre and Dance departments.

Main stage productions are organized, planned and directed by faculty members. The MTA and MDA, while student clubs, are closely connected to the two departments. They are not typical student organizations.

Kim Nguyen '07, Student Body Treasurer, described the old process of allocating funds. The treasurers of the clubs had to explain to the finance committee huge itemized budgets that totaled tens of thousands of dollars. This alone was tedious, time consuming and confusing for everybody involved, but even more so because the budgets were written by the faculty advisors, not the students. As Katie Most '07 explained,

SEE **FUNDING** | PAGE 6

Social life surveys cause controversy

By Tiffany Kirk
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

During the fall registration period, students had the opportunity to fill out surveys pertaining to the social life at the College. Many students marked the surveys, but others handed them in blank.

According to Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, this survey is designed to measure students' attitudes and perceptions of life at the College as well as to record student behaviors for the College to keep on file.

Ehrenberg said, "The collected information will help the campus leaders make informed decisions about the College's programs and policies."

In order to accomplish this goal, the College has comprised the survey of three sections. Following a general informational sheet, section one concentrates on the quality of life at the College, such as theatrical performances, school-sponsored events and College services.

Section two asks the participant to rate nine statements related to Greek Life in terms of their agreement level to each statement. The third section lists questions pertaining to the participant's drinking behavior as well as their thoughts concerning drinking habits of athletes, fraternities and sororities.

"I'm really excited about

SEE **SURVEYS** | PAGE 7

THE MUHLENBERG
WEEKLY

Lauren Wiesner
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda Phillips
Executive Editor

Ben Veghte
Managing Editor

Our heartbreaking work of staggering genius

As our most prominent campus leader, Randy Helm, President of the College said in an interview this week, "This is an experience that is a labor of love." While he was speaking of the College as a whole, his words lingered in my mind as a reflection of the work of our staff at *The Weekly*. As the editor-in-chief of this publication, I have attempted to guide my editors with the knowledge I was given from the editors before me, and like the editors before me, I have watched my staff struggle and strive to form their publication each week. This task is not easy. It is not one that brings gratitude or praise from the Student Body or Board of Trustees or administration. I have watched and been disheartened to see my staff discouraged when they are wrong or when they falter. I have been discouraged when I have faltered or was wrong as their leader. No matter how long we stay on Tuesday nights or how many times we read and reread each story, Thursdays bring a contradiction of emotions to each editor. We are proud of our work and accomplishments, but we always know there was more that could have been done. Our Thursday meetings are spent reviewing our triumphs and errors and planning for our next attempt. By the end of a year of work, I can see the wear it has had on the staff.

My managing editor told me when I became discouraged that I should realize that we did the best we could and that we did a good job. His words were comforting not because of what he said but because he had shared the same hurdles with me and understood my frustration. Each year, a generation of editors passes its knowledge down to the next generation of editors, and we continue our traditions of legacy and pride in our publication. I have learned more through this organization about my abilities and limitations and those of my peers than any classroom could ever teach.

Helm's description of the College again reflected my experience with *The Weekly* when he said it is "something that will profoundly shape your life." As I pass on my leadership to another, I am content at knowing I am passing on not only an extracurricular activity that teaches writing and editing but also a legacy of dedication, heart and honor that has changed me and will change them.

Bring back breakfast

Tiffany Kirk
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Two weeks ago, the 2005-2006 Meal Plan was released to the Student Body. Among some huge improvements in the College's eating establishment exist some old, as well as new, downfalls. Discovering that the new meal plan includes opening the Garden Room at 11:00 a.m., many students have posed strong opposition to the decision, and I am one of them.

After all, how often will students buy an omelet if it costs one or more than one swipe?

While the College is attempting to accommodate its students with additions to General's Quarters (GQ), the cost of a breakfast swipe is not changing. The debate to change the breakfast swipe to equal that of lunch and dinner has been a touchy issue for numerous years. Because of the costs involved by adding more to the swipe, this debate will continue. However, since the College will be profiting by closing the Garden Room for breakfast because students are limited to food in GQ, the College should be able to decrease, if not close, the gap between breakfast swipes and other meals. Also, if the College does not equal all swipes, it should provide more meal options, especially for the omelet station. After all, how often will students buy an omelet if it costs one or more than one swipe?

With the elimination of breakfast in Garden Room, the increased options in GQ will not fully compensate the available options that Garden Room had to offer. Even though the Omelet station will become available, the cereal options are extremely limited. The Garden Room offers numerous kinds of cereal at an unlimited amount while GQ's choice of cereal does not nearly compare. GQ does cover a wide range, but only if the cereal is there. With many more students using the GQ area, cereal will run

SEE **FOOD** | PAGE 4

Letters to the Editor:

College depends on loyal alumni

To the Editor:

If prior Muhlenberg alumni had adopted the attitude expressed by Jason Klein '05 in last week's column, students would not have enjoyed the new addition to the Life Sports Center this year. Nor would anyone be living in Robertson or South Halls. Nor would the new additions to the Union or Shankweiler be built.

If prior Muhlenberg alumni had adopted Klein's attitude, there is no way the College could offer financial aid to the 67 percent of Muhlenberg students currently receiving it. Nor could the College afford to subsidize $4,000-$5,000 of educational costs even for those students not receiving financial aid.

The fact is that at every college in the country, this generation of students stands on the shoulders of the generations that came before. Colleges--despite their high costs--are non-profit organizations. For the traditional age students, colleges run at a net loss, even for students who pay "full freight."

So to accuse the College of acting "like a greedy little child" misses the point entirely. Everything that Klein has experienced at the College is thanks at least in part to alumni who came before him who "gave something back." There is a long company of alumni of the College who have benefited from and then helped build this college so that future students they never knew by name could experience something even better.

Philanthropy needs to be praised and encouraged, not discouraged or ridiculed. Without it, the Muhlenberg experience would be nothing like what we have come to appreciate...and maybe even take for granted. The future of the College is up to today's alumni. We can only hope that some of our seniors--the newest group of Muhlenberg alumni--see a bigger, more positive picture than Klein, and perhaps decide that preserving and enhancing the experience for future generations of students of the College, as was done for them, is a thing worth doing.

--Christopher Hooker-Haring,
Dean of Admission
& Financial Aid Admission
& Tilghman Moyer,
Vice President & Campaign
Director for Development
Financial Aid

Fundraising works at the College

To the Editor:

After reading last week's article entitled, "Panhandling in Seegers is not the answer," we felt compelled to defend our fundraising acts and to clarify some misconceptions. First and foremost, it is imperative to note that there is a difference between fundraising for charities and raising money to support a campus organization. As members of the executive board of S.H.A.R.E., we would like to inform you that all of our fundraising goes toward local children, homeless and senior citizen populations, as well as national social justice agencies.

Over the past 8 months, the service organizations at the College have raised $41,947.85, with $8,000 of that raised by one of the methods that was deemed ineffective-- "panhandling". We request, in the future, people do not make such claims about our organizations without obtaining the accurate facts.

The author also stated that requesting donations causes individuals to feel guilty. While we fully acknowledge that students who sincerely cannot afford to make donations should not be expected to do so, it is safe to say that most students of the College do have money to spare even after paying for laundry and stamps. It seems absurd and selfish to refrain from successful fundraisers for worthy causes simply because a student feels uncomfortable while enjoying an all-you-can-eat buffet. How do you suggest we explain to underprivileged children in Allentown that we can no longer help them because some students feel uneasy about sparing that extra laundry quarter?

As far as requesting support from the community and the Alumni office, the College is partnered with numerous outside organizations that help fund our programs.

We recently received a $10,000 grant from Representative Jennifer Mann, and the Alumni Association has contributed individual donations throughout the year. Additionally, our organizations continuously participate in outside programs such as the Caring Place in partnership with Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Despite these partnerships, the wide range of programs in which we participate require further

SEE **FUNDRAISING** | PAGE 4

Reflections on a great four years

Jason Klein
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Where have the past four years gone? It is impossible to accept that in a few short weeks I will no longer be a student of the College, but instead a college alum. There are 365 days in a year, 1,460 in the four years of college; why then does it seem like yesterday that we were nervous freshman attending our first ever "Hall Meeting"? How is it possible that my General Chemistry class seemed to last forever, but my time at the College seems as if it were cut short?

The years all blend together in my head now, in speaking about my experiences here I sound like a stereotypical grandfather glorifying his time in the service and blending events from different time periods together. I have a hard time determining what year founded the various events that have defined my college experience.

I believe it was freshman year that I survived a week consuming nothing but the infamous Garden Room "Fro-Yo." Was it sophomore year that a computer printer randomly "fell" out of a fourth floor ML window after my computer crashed? Did I get my first judicial hearing junior year? Is it really the end of senior year now?

Though I cannot differentiate the infinite amount of events that have made my four years here speed by way too quickly, I can say with certainty that at some point during the years, I grew up. Let's be honest, as freshman we all came to school not knowing what to expect--and then there was "day camp", more commonly known as orientation. I remember being insulted that we were being treated like such children; we all graduated high school!

Was it sophmore year that a computer printer randomly "fell" out of a fourth floor ML window after my computer crashed? Did I get my first judicial hearing junior year? Is it really the end of senior year now?

We were babies back then though. Many of us were away from home for the first time, thrust into an awkward situation of living in a cubicle with a complete stranger with whom we needed to share space and courtesy. Between a roommate and hallway bathrooms, we were forced to recall our "sharing" abilities that had not been used since Kindergarten. Mommy and Daddy were not there to punish us for not sharing well with our roommates; we had to fend for our own. It did not take long for the average freshman to realize the importance of respecting those around you.

Life lessons like these were always sneaking up on us throughout our four years here. Respect, dedication, friendship, loyalty and determination are all characteristics of adulthood that we learned during our time at the College without ever truly realizing we were learning. No member of the senior class is the same person they were when they

SEE **COLLEGE** | PAGE 4

High risk, low return and still a good investment

Kate Arney-Cimino
OP/ED EDITOR

What are you doing after graduation? As that question of taboo echoes throughout the ears of every senior in college, we learn to resent it--dig our heels in the ground and plan to live on forever as a college student by partying harder, studying less and dressing sloppier while the days count down to graduation. The mentality of the last days becomes Martha Stewart-esque as we party it up and eat out before we cross the commencement stage; are given a diploma and are sentenced to life.

Our life sentence of nine-to-five seems so scary right now--and even scarier to those like me who aren't fortunate to even be sentenced. Maybe that's okay. All those going to work in investment banking have learned that the best investment is low risk high return. I disagree. We are at our prime for taking risk. Merrill Lynch, even though they know better would, right now, set us up with some stable stock like General Electric and then throw in a lot of high risk like Nevada Gold and Casinos Inc. Be it the nine-to-five job that we end up quitting in six months or the three month trip to India just because, we can take that time risk. Once we have our diplomas, we can afford to take a break and for one minute to make an impulse decision.

We are moving into a great time in our lives and away from a lifestyle that we will never be able to recreate. The College was great, but now we will enter into a whole world. It literally will be like *Aladdin* except the carpet ride might be in a cardboard box in New York City, or possibly working three jobs to pay rent, but it will be a whole new world and a new ride. We will enter into an enchanted kingdom.

When I was young and my family would go to Disneyland, we would get there really early and wait in line for the gates to open so we could take full advantage of all of our time there. When the gates opened people would literally jog to their favorite ride so they wouldn't have to wait in lines. Our diplomas are our tickets into the magic kingdom. Run! There are so many different rides from which to choose. Some have longer lines than others, but maybe they have a higher return.

We need to get on a ride...like Space Mountain, where you re in the dark and you can t see where you are going, but that s what makes it exhilarating.

We need to get on a ride and make it a risk like Space Mountain where you're in the dark and you can't see where you are going, but that's what makes it exhilarating. Maybe it won't give you the return you wanted, but at least then you'll know. We have to try something new, something different and feel, if for the last time, in jeopardy.

Before we were accepted to the College, there was a form that we had to fill out asking us what our major could possily be and what activities in which we would be interested in participating at the College. Most people get carried away by checking off every activity. Yet, by the end of college they have focused themselves down to maybe two core activities. Our next step in life does not include a list of activities in which to participate. We need to create our own lists with new 'never have i evers' on them--and then do it. College is a time not to determine a path of where to go next, but to give you the skills and the strength to enter the "Magical Kingdom" and not know what ride to get on.

We're on the roller coaster right now at the peak of the Madder Horn; let's put our arms up, close our eyes tight, and scream with abandon--right now we can take the risk.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY
Serving The Muhlenberg Community Since 1883

Lauren Wiesner, Editor-in-Chief
Amanda Phillips, Executive Editor
Ben Veghte, Managing Editor

Laura Russell, Michelle Sartor, News Editors
Kate Arney-Cimino, OP/ED Editor
OPEN, Life! Editor
Allison Auclair, Kristen Ziegler, Sports Editors
OPEN, Focus Editor
OPEN, Photography Editor
Dan Isanuk, Johnny Canneto, Business Managers
Robin DeCicco, Asst. News Editor
Tiffany Kirk, Asst. OP/ED Editor
Jackie Starner, Sarah Smith, Dan McClung, Asst. Life! Editors
Tara DeMarzo, Asst. Sports Editor
Wendy Eichler, Asst. Focus Editor
Catherine Zell, Asst. Business Manager
Aaron Solomon, Online Editor
Amy Cookson, Copy Editor
Chrissy Culotta, Writer Manager
John Dunphy, Design Consultant
OPEN, Subscriptions Manager
H. Matthew Meyers, Editor Emeritus
Faculty Advisor, James Bloom (English Department)
Publisher: Lynne Septon, Images

Mailing Address:
Muhlenberg College Box 106
2400 West Chew St.
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Phone: 484-664-3195
Fax: 484-664-3187

E-mail: weekly@muhlenberg.edu
Website: www.muhlenbergweekly.com

Editorial Policy:
Any and all views expressed in *The Muhlenberg Weekly* are those solely of the writers and/or editors and do not reflect those of Muhlenberg College. All letters and articles submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by respective writer(s). *The Muhlenberg Weekly* views itself as an open forum for students to voice their opinions on all relevant topics. Opinions expressed in the OP/ED section of this newspaper are solely those of the author. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical, spacing and legal purposes. The Editor-in-Chief has final jurisdiction on whether a Letter to the Editor or article is printed. Deadline for submission is Sunday proceeding publication by 7:00 p.m.
Because of the high production costs, members of the College Community are permitted one copy per issue. Where available, additional copies may be purchased with prior approval for 25 cents each by contacting *The Weekly* Editor-in-Chief. Newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to civil penalties, criminal prosecution and/or college discipline.

Copyright 2005. All rights reserved.

FOOD | FROM PAGE 2

out even quicker than it does now. In addition, this cereal is limited to the 5 oz. package instead of the unlimited amount currently available in the Garden Room.

The larger number of students using GQ will also change the generally quiet GQ morning atmosphere into the crowded, long-lined and frustrated 12:30 p.m. lunch environment. And, because students have probably just woken up, waiting in these long lines may not exactly be the start to a great day. These long lines may also prohibit students from having breakfast at all before class since the lines may take too long to move. If Garden Room will definitely remain closed for breakfast, some kind of expansion of GQ needs to be found, or professors may find frustrated and hungry students in their classrooms in the morning.

While some changes to the meal plan are controversial, some changes are huge improvements, such as the concept of "dining dollars." This is a great change to the meal plan, but it could be greater. While dining dollars can be used at Java Joe's, The Powerhouse Cafe or to cover the money that exceeds the cost of a swipe, they cannot be used after midnight. Late-night GQers still only have the option to use cash or flex when visiting the GQ at 2:30 a.m.

With the addition of a "late-night" section to the current meal plans, Glenn Gerchman, Director of Student Union and Campus Activities, who briefed Student Council last Thursday said that meal plan costs to the College and its students would increase immensely.

Instead of the College increasing the amount of each meal plan, why not offer a "Late-Night Dining Dollars" option to each meal plan which would allow the use of these dollars after midnight? With this option, the College would not only accommodate students who visit GQ after midnight, but also students who do not.

Another change to the meal plan concerns the availability of each plan to residents across campus. Instead of offering each plan campus-wide, only certain plans are offered to dormitories and housing. For example, residents of South and Robertson next year are unable to sign up for the unlimited plan because these dorms have kitchen units.

If students who have kitchen units still wish to purchase the largest plan, why can they not? In addition, no plan includes students who reside in fraternity and sorority houses. Even though the College does not own some Greek houses, current residents are able to have meal plans. Again, why can students not purchase plans if they are willing to pay the money?

In the explanation given by Gerchman, he informed Council that the meal plan released is not finalized. Therefore, the more e-mailed suggestions to change this proposed meal plan for next year, the more likely it may change again. Until then, how many freshmen do you think will be waiting at the Garden Room doors for breakfast next year.

COLLEGE | FROM PAGE 3

first arrived at the College. We are all better people, our four years here have changed us from excellent young adults to mature adults, each of us with the potential to do great things.

Freshman year, we used to make a mess out of the first floor lounge in Walz in order to play the "Field Goal Challenge" hall sport my friends and I invented. As a senior, I hate to admit that if I saw such a game going on today, I would shrug my shoulders and laugh at the immaturity of the freshman. I would not trade my Muhlenberg experience for anything in the world; I can not imagine living somewhere else during the most important four years of my life. We are all the products of the College, this school has left its mark on each of us. All joking aside, I consider myself extremely lucky to have grown-up at the College. I would not be the person I am today without the caring environment this college bubbles around us on move-in day freshman year. All of you mean more to me than you could ever know, and to my friends, and the other members of the senior class--I would wish you all the best of luck in all your future endeavors, but we do not need any luck.

We have a Muhlenberg education and friendships as strong as family; we cannot possibly get any luckier. Thank you to the administration, the professors and all of my friends for the best four years of my life.

FUNDRAISING | FROM PAGE 2

funding, for which our "panhandling" has helped compensate. As members of the Muhlenberg community, it is important to be thankful for all we have and to give back to those less fortunate. We are hopeful that we will see increased involvement in service and awareness of social justice. The College prides itself on being "the Caring College," and why stop continuing the tradition? And that's our two cents

--Anna Norman,
Danielle Pino,
Rachel Schein
and Julia Zur
Class of '06

~Write for Op/Ed next year~

THE POSITION FOR OP/ED EDITOR AND ASSISTANT OP/ED EDITOR ARE NOW AVALIABLE.

PLEASE CONTACT LAUREN WIESNER AT WEEKLY@MUHLENBERG.EDU

Named after Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the Henry Awards is an evening dedicated to recognizing great student, staff, and organization achievements on campus throughout the past year.

Congratulations to the 2005 Henry Awards Winners and Top 2 Nominees:

Female Athlete of the Year

Jenna Belisonzi
Kristen Bruschi
*Gwen Doyle

Male Athlete of the Year

Jon Brodowski
Jeff Kraft
*Matt Loesch

Female Greek Leader of the Year

Meredith Freezer
Jen Garabedian
*Meghan Horner

Male Greek of the Year

RJ Caras
*Adam Ford
Nick Richardson

Helping Hand

Ryan Kavalsky
Rachel Schein
*Julia Zur

Organization of the Year

Muhlenberg Advocate
*SEVEN
SHARE

New Organization of the Year

*BOOM
MAPA
SEVEN

Published Writer of the Year

Allison Auclair
*Christina Liciaga
Michelle Sartor

Rookie of the Year

Ryan Chapoteau
*Brian Galgano
Scott Gordon

Trailblazer

Kevin Brydzinski
Drew Fleyzor
*Kim Nguyen

Unsung Hero

Elizabeth Houtsma
Tracie Konopinski
*Lisa Kowalski

Visual or Performing Artist of the Year

Suzanne Chi
*John Jannuzzi
Emily Stolarick

Visual or Performing Group of the Year

MDA
The Perkulators
*Soul Sound Steppers

People's Choice: Faculty

Charles Anderson
*Sam Laposata
Jeremy Teissere

People's Choice: Management

Monica Coco
Kent Dyer
*John Pasquarello

People's Choice Student Leader

Elizabeth Einhorn
*Kim Nguyen
Mike Yellin

People Choice : Support Staff

*Loretta Carver
Arlene Gisolfi
Arlene Vito

*** Denotes Winner**

Student injured during Jello wrestling event

By Michelle Sartor
News Editor

It was not all fun and games at the Jello wrestling event that took place at the Phi Kappa Tau (PKT) house. Reena Rosenthal '07 suffered a serious injury to her neck and back while participating in the event on Apr. 15.

According to Rosenthal, she was in a wrestling match with two males and two females.

She said one of the male students, Mathew Levin '08, had her in a headlock position.

To try to win the match, she started leaning all her weight forward. She said he also started pushing forward and was stronger.

She said she ended up in a backbend position and her head touched her feet.

Rosenthal said, "Stuff cracked and snapped." Her right foot was not responsive. She said she was about to go home, but began feeling a lot of pain in her back.

One of her sorority sisters who is a sports trainer examined her and said her back was in spasm.

Rosenthal decided to go to Lehigh Valley Hospital. She decided to go to the hospital in a car and not an ambulance.

Once she arrived at the hospital, personnel stabilized her neck immediately. In the ER, she was lying flat the entire time.

She said, "I couldn't eat or drink. I had an IV." She had an x-ray, CAT scan and MRI while at the hospital to determine the extent of her injury.

Doctors told her she had bulging in her neck and put her in a neck brace.

Rosenthal spent two days in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). She saw a neurologist and the trauma staff who determined there was no fracture in her neck or back, so she would not need surgery.

After spending two days in the ICU, Rosenthal spent two more days in the trauma unit below ICU.

On Apr. 19, Rosenthal had a second MRI of her back. The doctors concluded that everything was fine and the injury would heal on its own.

She was then released from the hospital with orders for bed rest.

Rosenthal returned to the College for classes on Apr. 26 but is still in a neck brace.

She said she will remain in the neck brace for at least two more weeks. At that time, she has an appointment with a neurologist.

Rosenthal said she did not sign a waiver before participating in the Jello wrestling event.

She said, "It was very poorly run. It was supposed to be a Bear Security event. I didn't see security anywhere. There was no adult supervision whatsoever even though it was a registered party."

Members of PKT declined to comment about the incident.

At the time of the incident, no one called Campus Safety. Rosenthal said, "My father filled out a Campus Safety report on Monday, three days after the accident."

Reena Rosenthal '07 was injured while Jello wrestling at Phi Kappa Tau on Apr. 15.

PHOTO BY MICHELLE SARTOR

Rosenthal said the cause of her injury was in no way malicious but was simply an accident. She has no plans to file suit.

She said, "If I were suing anyone, it would be the school, and I don't want to do that." She also said, "It really wasn't anyone's fault. It was an accident."

According to Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs, the College will not be taking any action against PKT for the incident because the fraternity completed the necessary paperwork.

Jachimowicz said, "It's their obligation as a non-profit organization to deal with risk management. They complied with the registration policy of the school."

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security also said there were no College charges or investigations being conducted. He said, "We just did it as an injury report, so we had it documented."

While in the hospital, Rosenthal received flowers from PKT brothers and a gift basket from Levin.

Rosenthal was also visited by Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, Randy Helm, President of the College and Brynnmarie Dorsey, Director of Health Services.

Investment Society offers new business experience for students

By Kelly Love
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Managing thousands of dollars in their spare time is normal for some students of the College. The Investment Society is an elective, independent study where business and economics students manage a portfolio of about $25,000.

The faculty advisor of the society is Dr. Arthur Raymond, Associate Professor of Economics at the College.

Raymond said he "determines the assignments (meetings, papers, website, etc.) by which students are graded," but deliberately leaves "the investment funds to the discretion of the members of the society."

The members of the society receive a half credit for their participation and come together about every two weeks.

According to Tony Scicchitano '05, the group meets to "reevaluate what stocks, bonds and mutual funds to put money in."

The group also meets to determine the "steady performance over a period of time" of the stocks, instead of evaluating the portfolio on a "day-to-day" basis.

The portfolio's $25,000 is provided by the College, and therefore students have the chance to "play with real money; it's the real deal," according to Greg Scrofani '05, another member.

Even though it is "hard work," Scrofani believes that "if you are interested in business, it is a great way to get experience and learn how to manage and diversify a portfolio."

> *"If you are interested in business, it is a great way to get experience and learn how to manage and diversify a portfolio."*
>
> Greg Scrofani '05

The society has "brokers that work with" them in order to assist them and decide in "which ones are best" to invest.

The society began in the Spring of 1994 as a result of a conversation between Raymond and Arthur Taylor, former President of the College.

The school lent $10,000 to the Investment Society. The College said the money was to be invested in stocks solely by students.

Today, the students in the Society have the liberty of investing over $20,000 allocated by the College.

Originally the club was open to all students, but now according to Scicchitano, "anybody with experience can express interest" but must speak with Raymond before committing to the project.

So that each member has the opportunity to lend their own voice and experience, the Investment Society has revolving leadership with each member serving as Chair for part of the semester.

The Investment Society has recently considered investing in nanotechnology stock and has just recently invested into Lucent Technologies.

The goal of the Investment Society is to have its members figure out which investments are best and to maintain a good standing portfolio.

Middle States Commission begins re-accreditation

By Alex Barouh
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College has once again begun the process of being re-accredited. For individuals not familiar with the process, accrediting is the means of self-regulation and peer review that has been adopted by the educational community.

This proactive self-review by educational institutions is supported by a voluntary, non-governmental, peer-based membership association known as the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

The Middle States Commission is a recognized leader in promoting and ensuring quality assurance and improvement in higher education.

The goal of the College in re-accrediting itself is to strengthen and sustain the quality and integrity of its higher education and continue to make it worthy of public confidence.

The process of the College's re-accreditation is quite lengthy, taking over a year to compile data and results. This process takes place once every ten years.

Kathleen Harring, Professor of Psychology and Co-Director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life head the Steering Committee as co-chairs.

Shiner Wilson stated that the accreditation process was "enabling us the opportunity to stop and reflect on all aspects of Muhlenberg College."

For this accreditation process, Shiner Wilson explained that the school chose to undertake a comprehensive self-evaluation of the College.

> *"...We are implementing a number of tools to access our effectiveness..."*
>
> Carol Shiner Wilson
> Dean of Academic Life

She explained that this process would evaluate everything that the school has to offer its students, such as admissions, academics, athletics, community service programs, study abroad programs and career development programs.

"We will also evaluate the effectiveness of our mission statement of achieving life-long learners."

Shiner Wilson went on to stress that the key goal in this process was assessment. She said, "It does not mean that we are basing all our conclusions on statistics. Rather, we are implementing a number of tools to access our effectiveness including student-based focus groups."

Shiner Wilson went onto explain that the students in these focus groups would be made up of first-year students and seniors who would be asked how often it was required in class for them to analyze or synthesize data.

They will also inquire about their interaction with faculty throughout the semester.

Shiner Wilson also expressed that she was quite pleased with the progress so far in the fact that Robert Snyder, the Middle States liaison stated in a letter, "You are well on your way to a productive self study and a successful evaluation visit."

She continued by saying, "I have been really gratified about how conscious faulty, staff, students and trustees have been in their work to put together materials for the Middle State study. I am particularly grateful for co-chair Kathleen Harring's expertise in assessment."

For those interested in the outcome of this comprehensive self-evaluation, the final report is scheduled to be released by July of 2006.

FUNDING

FROM PAGE 1

the decisions were made by the department, but presented by the students. Moreover, the way the committee works, budgets had to be done each semester, which as Charlie Richter, Head of Theatre and Dance said was a hassle because productions are planned in advance.

The process was complicated, and Nguyen and the finance committee approached Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College looking for an answer to this twenty-year-old problem. They agreed that the students should be focusing on what they are at college to do, and not on paying the College's bills.

Richter agreed, noting the massive amount of paperwork involved, the hours club treasurers spent on filling out forms and a generally ineffective budget process.

Hass worked to formulate a solution with the departments, clubs, Student Council, Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students and Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer of the College. Main stage productions are vital to the departments, much like labs are in the sciences. Hass recognized that the MTA and MDA were clubs, but they were also importantly connected to this academic part of the College.

"Change is hard," said Hass, but everybody involved seems to be excited and pleased with the new system. She said that it is a win-win situation, and Nguyen concurred that it helps everybody at the College. The departments are able to get funding directly for productions, the MTA and MDA are "able to act like clubs and not have this added burden of being mediators" and the budget process is more balanced for other clubs. In fact, the student activity fee will be reduced by about $25. The overall sense is that the changes have made the whole allocation process incredibly easier.

The shifting of funding has occurred behind the scenes, and there will be no changes in productions outside of from where the money for them comes. MTA and MDA are still student-run, and are in fact more independent of the departments now. Black box productions, of which students were always in charge, will continue to be student run. This means that funding for them will still be allocated by Student Council. Other club functions and events will also have to be approved by the finance committee.

Most was happy that the College was recognizing the growth of theatre here and the support this change is showing. She said that now is the right time to do this. Although this problem has been around for two decades, the consensus is that the impetus for this change was Hass becoming Provost last year. As Hass said, it sometimes takes a new person to see things differently.

Tracie Konopinski '05, treasurer of the MDA, voiced her excitement about the way the administration and the students worked together to make life easier for everybody. She said that this change shows an awareness of how difficult the old system was and a desire to support the students.

The streamlined process, as Richter stated, will result in a better experience of the students and will not change the relationships between the clubs and the departments.

Nguyen said that it is important that Council ended the year on a positive note for students. She described the old system: "Funding is a difficult process for any organization. But for the MDA and MTA, it's like walking through the Amazon rain forest blindfolded. It's a pleasant experience, but it's difficult to navigate." All indications are that it will be much easier to navigate through college for the MTA and MDA and everybody else involved in theatre and dance finances in the future.

BOARD

FROM PAGE 1

est endowments of the schools with which we compete, and we have begun to address that by raising funds to enhance our endowment." Although Brueckner commented about the Board's initiative to raise funds, he said, "We have a strong fiscal position otherwise, and that will help us in this endeavor."

Heffer confirmed that Brueckner will bring strong leadership to the Board. "I worked very closely with Rich [Brueckner] in my three years. He is very qualified, and he will be an outstanding chairman," he said.

Helm commented that Brueckner is "Fantastic. He's so smart. He's wise. He's totally committed to this place."

Brueckner's new role as chairman is not the only change to leadership on the Board. Thomas Mendham '63 from Loveladies, N.J. has been elected to first vice chair, Tammy Bormann from Long Valley, N.J. has been elected to second vice chair and Richard Romeo, Esq. '79 from Mount Kisco, N.Y. has been re-elected as secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Heffer said, "I think it's just a wonderful team that will take Muhlenberg to continued new heights."

Bormann is the first woman to hold an officer position on the Board. Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College commented that Bormann's election to the position is "a very significant milestone."

Helm explained that the College is looking to bring more female perspective to leadership roles. "I think it's important that we have a female in the senior ranks of the Board. Tammy [Bormann] is fabulous. That is something we have to keep working on," Helm said. He cited the gender diversity present in the Board of Observers and increased diversity on the Board of Trustees.

Brueckner has confidence in the newly elected officers. "The...officers are passionate about Muhlenberg and each extremely capable. That we have three officers continuing on speaks to the quality of continuity on the Board. That we have Tammy Bormann as a new vice chair speaks to the Board moving forward and recognizing one of our most capable leaders," said Brueckner.

"I am delighted with the members of the Board. They are hard-working and intelligent, and there is a wonderful camaraderie among the members," said Heffer.

"I am honored and thrilled to be able to participate in the leadership of Muhlenberg College," said Brueckner.

SURVEYS

FROM PAGE 1

the quality data that this survey will provide to the College," said Dr. Christopher Borick, Director of the Institute of Public Opinion and Associate Professor of Political Science who printed the survey. "Understanding student wants and needs is essential for the College to continue providing a quality learning and living environment."

Because the purpose of the survey was not clearly established to students, some students have shown negativity toward the purpose of the survey.

> *"Understanding student wants and needs is essential for the College to continue providing a quality learning and living environment."*
>
> Christopher Borick,
> Director of the Institute of
> Public Opinion

Section one wished the participant to classify themselves as a member of an athletic team or Greek organization. Some students felt the survey would not show the entire story by answering questions concerning drinking habits (Section three).

"I didn't fill out the survey because I felt that if I did, I would be labeling all athletes with my answers," said athlete Michelle Feldman '08. "I didn't think the surveys covered as many aspects of social life as it could have."

On the other hand, some students affiliated with these groups on campus felt proud when they marked uncharacteristic answers.

In response to the question, "Compared to the beginning of your first year in college, how has your drinking changed?" located in section three of the survey, Greek member Marisa Petrozza '06 said, "My drinking has actually decreased since freshman year."

Expecting to graduate with Honors, Petrozza added, "Joining a sorority helped to change my priorities."

Concerning the source of the construction of the survey, Dean Ehrenberg said, "The survey was initiated from a number of groups on campus. Instead of every group doing their own survey, it was better to put a combined effort together."

However, this combined effort did not include approval by several relevant groups in relation to the topics covered in the survey, such as Student Council and the Greek Life Task Force.

Written at the top of the survey is "The purpose of the survey is to provide information to campus leaders in order to assist them in their decision-making process."

During the Student Council meeting, the issue of who was responsible for the survey arose. Because "campus leaders" does not clearly define which leaders or groups on the survey, members of the Student Body thought Student Council was involved in creating the survey.

In reality, Student Council was informed beforehand of the survey's distribution to students, but Student Body President Jared Fine '06 said, "Council had no part in the construction of the survey circulated by administration."

The College consulted Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development & Greek Affairs, on various stages of the survey's development process.

"I researched a few other college surveys and submitted a list of approximately fifteen questions for inclusion," said Jachimowicz. "Some of the questions that I submitted were included in the final survey."

Jachimowicz was also asked to give constructive comments on two occasions, and he did.

Recognizing the psychological effect of section placing in surveys on students, Jachimowicz focused concern toward the initial placement of Greek Life between the alcohol and sexual assault sections.

"I did not address the framing of the Greek Life questions per se," said Jachimowicz. "I was happy enough when the sexual assault section was taken out." After making his second round of suggestions, Jachimowicz did not see the survey until after its release.

> *"I didn t fill out the survey because I felt that if I did, I would be labeling all athletes with my answers."*
>
> Michelle Feldman '08

Jachimowicz and Student Council plan to conduct separate surveys despite this collected survey's intent. "I believe that the survey we write may be able to delve into these topics further," continued Fine, "because it is written by students."

While Jachimowicz will use some of the survey's results to help improve Greek recruitment and image, Student Council will compare these results to their own findings once they conducted their own survey.

"Instead of condemning the attempt," said Jachimowicz, "I think we need to take a wait to see the results of the survey."

Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 18 – Institutional Vandalism – A basement window was smashed, a sink was ripped off the wall and a large amount of trash was found thrown on the lawn at the Alpha Epsilon Pi house.

Apr. 19 – Sick Student – An RA reported that a student on the second floor of Brown Hall has passed out. The student regained consciousness and refused transport to the hospital.

Apr. 19 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 417 Leh St. due to burnt cookies.

Apr. 20 – Smoke/Burning Odor – Mulch was found to be burning outside the east entrance of Prosser Hall. It appears that someone may have thrown a cigarette on the pile of mulch.

Apr. 20 – Check the Welfare/Locate Student – A student called in a report stating another student could not be located. Campus Safety officers located the student.

Apr. 21 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off on the second floor of Taylor Hall due to burnt popcorn.

Apr. 21 – Check the Welfare/Locate Student – A student in Benfer Hall reported that another student could not be located. Campus Safety officers were able to locate the student.

Apr. 22 – Theft from Vehicle – A student reported that an Alpine amplifier and subwoofer were stolen from a vehicle that was parked in the 26th and Chew St. parking lot.

Apr. 22 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off on the first floor of Brown Hall due to cooking chicken in the Brown Hall kitchen.

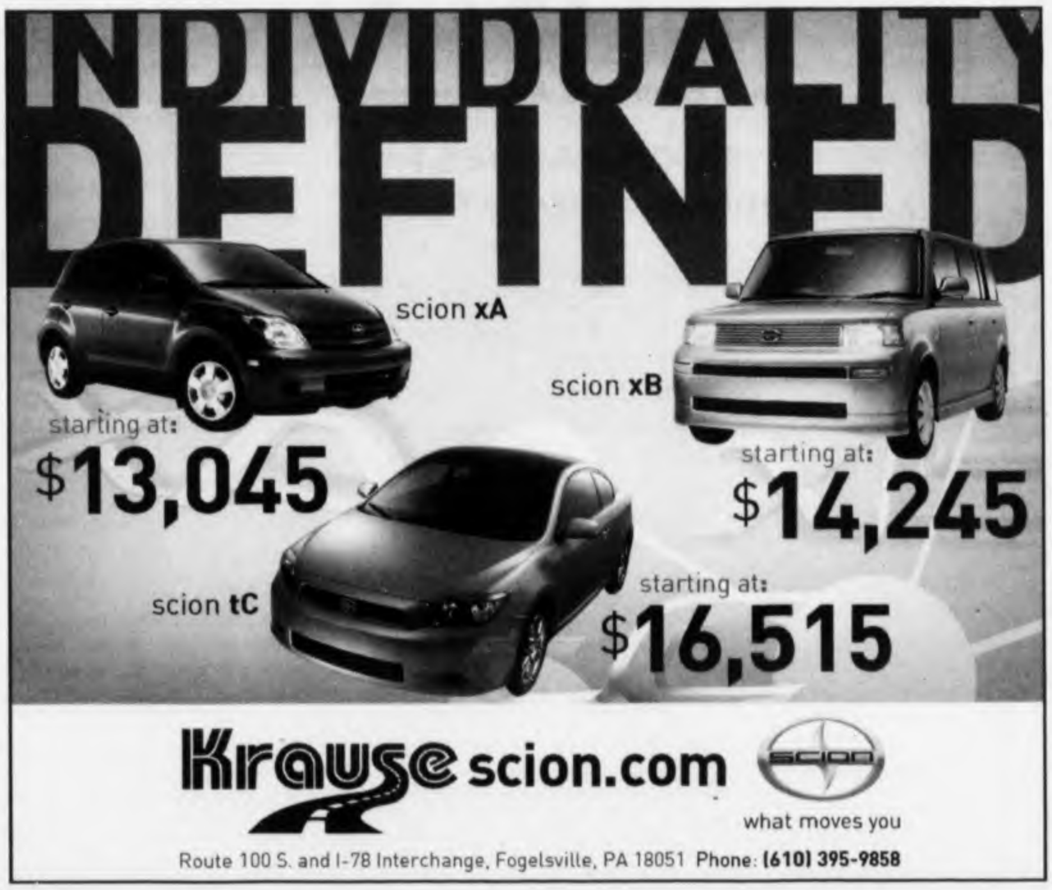
Apr. 23 – Harassment – This case of student-on-student harassment has been referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 23 – Harassment – This harassment involved a student and an MW Wood staff member in Seegers Union. The student has been referred to the judicial process.

Apr. 23 – Electrical Problem – The lightning storm knocked out communication devices in East Hall. Campus Safety had Simplex fix the problems right away.

Apr. 23 – Noise Complaint – APD and Campus Safety responded to a noise complaint at 423 N. Leh St. The house was cleared out.

Apr. 24 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2333 Liberty St. due to stea from the shower.



Route 100 S. and I-78 Interchange, Fogelsville, PA 18051 Phone: **(610) 395-9858**

Grad School Giveaway

Enter today for a chance to win the tools you need to get ready for grad school!

Prizes include:

- Kaplan programs and services
- Dell Laptops
- Tickets from STA Travel to visit your target grad school
- And more!

Visit **kaptest.com/giveaway** by May 31 to enter!

KAPLAN

Test Prep and Admissions

1-800-KAP-TEST
kaptest.com/giveaway

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. Open to legal residents of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia and Canada (excluding the Province of Quebec) and students residing on a student visa in these eligible jurisdictions who are eighteen (18) years of age or older as of March 16, 2005. LIMIT: One entry per person. All entries must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2005. For additional eligibility restrictions and instructions to enter, see the complete Official Rules, available at Kaplan centers and on-campus sites in the U.S. and Canada, online at kaptest.com/giveaway, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Grad School Giveaway, 1440 Broadway, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10018. Three (3) winners will be selected from all eligible entries received in a random drawing to be held on or about July 8, 2005. Odds of winning depend on total number of eligible entries received. Participation in this promotion constitute entrant's full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of the complete Official Rules. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED, TAXED, OR OTHERWISE RESTRICTED. If you do not wish to receive notice of future Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions promotions, contact us at Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, Marketing Department, 1440 Broadway, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10018.

Short Term Goal: Ace your final exams!

Good luck from your friends at Kaplan!

Long Term Goal: Get into your 1st choice grad school!

Kaplan can help!

Summer classes starting soon for the GMAT, GRE, LSAT, & MCAT!

KAPLAN

Test Prep and Admissions

1-800-KAP-TEST
kaptest.com

WEEKLY
life!

> **Life is not a static thing. The only people who do not change their minds are incompetents in asylums, and those in cemetaries.**
>
> **Everett McKinley Dirksen**

Arts Week Opening Night Barbeque

Kick-off to a week of artistic expression

By John Dunphy
Design Consultant

Dancers perform choreographer Stephanie Land's ballet piece at the Arts Week Opening Night, which was moved to Seegers Union lobby due to inclement weather.

PHOTO BY DAN MCCLUNG

Dancers in Seegers, singers in Parents Plaza, and bands on the Front Lawn were seen this week as the second annual Arts Week was held at the College. Anything and everything involving artistic flare crossed Chew Street and infiltrated the rest of the College.

On Monday, Arts Week officially began with the Arts Week Opening Night Barbeque. Last year, the barbeque was held on the Front Lawn, but this year, Seegers Union and the Garden Room housed the event. Students could enter the Garden Room for free or just relax near the couches and listen to the different musical stylings of students or watch several dance groups perform.

"The weather was unfortunate," stated Matt Freeman '06, one of the planners of the original Arts Week and is one of the three organizers of the current Arts Week, along with Libby Hill '07 and Amy Chrzanowski '08. Despite the wind and rain, he was pleased that everything was able to move so easily into the Student Union.

Since there are so many groups with a basis in art, it was necessary for all of the organizations to collaborate on this event. "The main thing from the MDA's [Muhlenberg Dance Association's] perspective was just to get as many people involved as possible," stated Erin Cairns '06, the current president of the MDA. Throughout the course of the week there will be approximately ten dance pieces, finishing off this weekend with the Student Dance Concert.

Cairns says that not all of the dance performances can be attributed to the MDA. "The best part is that people that aren't necessarily involved with the MDA are getting involved," stated Cairns. On Monday there were two hip-hop dance numbers performed by girls more involved with the Muhlenberg Theater Association.

"We got many, many more applications this year than last [year]," said Freeman. "People were willing to take a bigger risk since they had seen that they really could do anything." In going along with the added number of performances, the program itself has become more efficient. After a particular showing or performance, the person in charge of that particular performance hands out response panels in order to gauge what was effective and what wasn't. Not only that, but during the entire week, there will be a table in Seegers where students can write a "reflection" of what they saw. Anything they felt or experienced by watching and listening to the performances can be jotted down. At the end of the week the reflections will be put together to create a "Wall of Reflection" which will hang in the Trexler Pavilion.

The week will end with a Closing Gala located in the Trexler Pavilion. The gala will feature the Wall of Reflection and desserts. Not only will it be for Arts Week in general, but the cast of Summerfolk will be in attendance once their performance is over as well as the Muhlenberg College Orchestra and the current actors in Black Box productions. This weekend will also be the showing of the Student Dance Concert. Almost like the finale of a firework display, the end of Arts Week will be a dazzling display of theater, music and dance.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

HOW DO YOU RELIEVE STRESS?

"I play with my collectible *Batman* figurines."

-Tyler Rackliffe '08

"Sacrifice a goat."

-Amanda Phillips '05

"Me too."

-Lauren Wiesner '05

"There *is* no relieving stress."

-Danielle Rackow '08

"I paint children any color they like."

-David Aaron Neibauer '07

"Have lots of sex."

-Neil Freedman '06

Twenty-nine seconds:
Reflections and farewells

By Christina Liciaga
Weekly Life! Columnist

In a recent interview with *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, I was asked why I decided to write a sex column. The most honest answer is, because I was asked; but the primary reason was to create discourse.

Since my first column debut, I've been questioned, prodded, cursed and thanked by people all over campus and the occasional parent or Board member. I have been glad to have those conversations, to have sparked conversations like those and most importantly to encourage sex as an appropriate topic of conversation because it is a natural biological function.

But alas, this is my last column for *The Muhlenberg Weekly*; a first of lasts leading up to a final goodbye, where graduation gowns, diplomas and speeches decorate our day, ending with an abrupt shaking out of our sheets and leaving our living space. A living space where we have loved and hated, grown and withered, existed and at times made coward by the thought that we did not in fact exist at all. In this vulnerable place of endings, of removing the 200-thread count sheets that absorbed the squeaks and shrills of sexual accomplishments and the somber silence of solitude, the question of goodbyes and endings becomes ever apparent.

IN THE
NUDE

In sex, the end (as in this column) is proceeded by a series of things: introductions, communication, tigering in rhythmic codas, placing rubber coverings on endowed or not-so-endowed genitals, pulsating, roller-coaster screams, directions of what and where to touch, divine exaltations and then ah, the *petit mort.*

Luckily, however, sexual enchantment does not abruptly end the moment you experience orgasm; but rather continues for moments afterwards so that you are able to re-experience, reflect and review the elated sensual experience. In other words, don't shut down, suit up and step out with a "see you never." Instead, enjoy the post-coital moments.This weekend whilst watching *When Harry Met Sally*, I was struck by Harry's question of how long Sally likes to be held after sex. He responds to her silence: "thirty seconds, right? See, that's the problem, somewhere between thirty-seconds and all night."

Although shocked at what men actually think about after sex, according to a recent Cosmo Sex Survey of 15,000 men, Harry might in fact be right. The survey asked men what was the most "sexalicious thing" a woman could do after sex. The response: 40 percent said falling asleep in the buff, 42 percent suggested a shower for two, 11 percent requested a head massage and 7 percent asked for a beer and a sandwich. Statistically then, the post-passion wind down is characterized most by masculine inactivity: they either want to sleep, receive a massage or be fed, and I'm sure showering is a service too; and just for the record, post-coital cuddling was not an option.

SEE **SEX** | PAGE 12

Student Spotlight: Kathryn Hart
Runs Boston Marathon

By Jackie Starner
Asst. Life! Editor

Kathryn Hart '06 celebrates her accomplishment of completing the Boston Marathon in five hours and 40 minutes.

Photo by P.T. Hart

Three years ago Kathryn Hart '06 decided to run the Boston Marathon when she was twenty. After turning twenty, she found a training in *Runner s World* and began to prepare. Hart eventually worked up to ten to eighteen mile runs, and her shorter runs were no less than four miles. On April 18, Hart completed her goal of running the Boston marathon.

Running has always been a hobby for Hart: she ran track and cross country in high school and pole vaulted for Muhlenberg's track team her freshmen and sophomore years.

Hart wanted to run in the marathon with an official number, and although she has been running for seven or eight years, she knew that she could never make the qualifying time of three hours and 40 minutes.

The second way one can qualify for the marathon is to raise money for charity. Hart chose the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) as her charity because her family had been involved with this group previously.

When Hart was a freshman in high school her family decided to adopt an older child because they had the resources to care for someone else. Most families who adopt want younger children, and consequently older children are much harder to place.

Hart's family became interested in adopting an older child when Hart's father gave Kathryn a column in the newspaper called "Sunday's Child"

SEE **SPOTLIGHT** | PAGE 12

AMC Tilghman Weekend Listings

The Amityville Horror
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Fever
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sat. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Guess Who
Fri. 4:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 9:30
Sun. 4:00

The Interpreter
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Kung Fu Hustle
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 1:50, 4:50. 7:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

A Lot Like Love
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Pacfier
Fri. 7:00
Sat. 7:00
Sun. 7:00

Sahara
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 1:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Sin City
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Joys of Coffee: *La Fiesta Coffee Shop*

By Jackie Starner
Asst. Life! Editor

La Fiesta Coffee Shop appears "sketchy" as you drive past it. However, the small coffee shop at 958 Hamilton Boulevard actually provides an authentic cultural experience. Upon entering the restaurant, you notice that it seems more like a quaint diner than an artsy coffee joint, and although the shop contains coffee in its title, only regular, no frills coffee is served.

The three students of the College who bravely entered this unfamiliar territory decided to stay despite the lack of coffee variety because of the Salvadorian cuisine offered. The El Salvador flag hung proudly on the wall, and the walls themselves were painted blue on the bottom and white on top reflecting the colors in the flag.

The other clientele in the shop besides the students all seemed part of Allentown's large Hispanic population as they carried on their conversations in Spanish. The waitress herself, a beautiful Hispanic woman, not more than five feet tall, did not understand much English. Kristen Ziegler '06 commented, "I just like the Spanish TV playing in the background."

A relatively clean white tile floor coupled with the white upper walls and fluorescent lighting create a bright though somewhat sterile atmosphere. After a visit to the bathroom, which was about the size of a closet and had water damage on one wall, the group rated **cleanliness 6.5**.

The true atmosphere of the coffee shop came not from the decoration, which verged on sloppy: the line between the blue and white paint on the walls was uneven, and the pencil line drawn to mark the separation remained visible. Fake, allergy-friendly, flowers held in colorful dollar store vases sat on each table. A menu written sloppily in marker on white poster board hung on the wall; however, the place still proved charming because of its authenticity.

Four Hispanic men sat on the cute red stools in front of the bar, drinking Goya banana and *fresas* (strawberry) juices and eating fried plantains. The only drawback to visiting a restaurant with many regulars is that you feel a bit out of place at first. Despite this slight discomfort, the students rated **atmosphere 8** because of the richness of the culture contained in the little shop.

Unlike SW Blends, which tries to be trendy with its Spanglish drink names, La Fiesta is a genuine cultural immersion. ' Lauren Wiesner '05 ordered an egg and cheese sandwich listed as $3.00 and regular coffee for only fifty cents! Upon first sampling her coffee, Wiesner said, "It's okay," but she began to like it more with each sip. Compared to a bagel bomber, Wiesner's sandwich had more egg, a soft roll instead of a bagel and cheese that was melted better; however, Wiesner decided that a bagel bomber was still superior. She rated **her meal overall 7**.

Kristen Ziegler '06 decided on fried eggs "Ranchero" style. Her eggs came with sides of beans and fried plantains. Ziegler also bravely ordered *leche hervida*, not knowing exactly what it was since the waitress couldn't explain it in English. The *leche hervida* proved disappointing, since it turned out to be plain steamed milk without coffee or expresso. Ziegler's "Ranchero" eggs were regular fried eggs topped with sour cream and salsa consisting of onions, tomatoes and peppers. She enjoyed her food more than her milk, especially the fried plantains to which she exclaimed, "Ummmm....sweet!" The "Ranchero" eggs were significantly more expensive than the other breakfast platters at $6.50, and this price was fifty cents more than the eggs were listed on the menu. For quality Ziegler **rated her meal 6**.

Jackie Starner '08 ordered scrambled *huevos* with *hojas* (beans) and *crema* (sour cream). Picking up the eggs and dipping them in beans then sour cream was a new but enjoyable experience for her, although the heaviness of the food made her nauseous afterwards. Starner also received a side of fried plantains with her meal, but she could not stomach the unfamiliar texture of the fruit. Including fifty cent coffee, which Starner found quite tasty, her meal amounted to $4.50. She rated **her meal overall 5**.

Starner's dislike of her food was partially due to the fact that she's a picky eater. More adventurous eaters would definitely enjoy the authentic cuisine.

The bill for all three students came to $16.49 with Ziegler's meal being the only item slightly overpriced. Wiesner and Starner actually received fifty cent discounts on their meals, while Ziegler experienced a price increase. The students rated value 5.57.

While exiting the coffee shop Wiesner noticed a palm cross hanging over the exit sign. Next to that hung a painting of the Angel Gabriel, highlighting the importance of Christianity to the owners. A sac of garlic cloves hanging above the door also added a superstitious touch as it warded off evil.

Visiting La Fiesta is a "Prime example of getting out of the 'Berg bubble," said Wiesner. **The overall rating for La Fiesta Coffee Shop worked out to 6.345.**

19th Street Fair

April 30 ~ 2 - 6 p.m.

Rain or Shine!

Sponsored by

Lafayette Ambassador Bank

Entertainment

Sidewalk

Sales

Facepainting

19th Street from Liberty to
Tilghman Streets &
Allen Street from Lafayette to
St. George Street

19th STREET
EXPERIENCE

horoscopes

By Freshy Marie and the writers of *SNL: The Best of Will Ferrell*

Aries

"Well that's the sound your mother made last night."

You're going to have to learn to go after people your own age. This week, someone two decades older than you (your history professor), will hit on you. While it might be tempting to try and up your grade through office hour visits, remember that if you sneeze in M.L., they hear you in Brown.

Taurus

"Bobby Fisher--where is he? I don't know, I don't know."

There are a lot of things you don't know. You might now know, even after all your years at the College, exactly what Victor's Lament is, or why there's a turtle in Parents Plaza, but you should know that the stars point to very good things in the future. Just ask Bobby Fisher--if you can find him.

Gemini

"Yeah, that's right. Turd Ferguson. It's a funny name."

I know you're having an identity crisis, but changing your name to Turd Ferguson, or anything else, won't help. Listen, even if your name is Smelly Cat, your problems will still be there. So stay away from City Hall this week, and try the Counseling Center. Or maybe just some Jack.

Cancer

"I've got a fever, and the only prescription is more cowbell."

This week, you will begin to feel under the weather. Fear not my friend, you do not have the herp, or even the clap, but rather just an easily fixable illness (could be a UTI, could be Pink Eye). The answer to your ills? Juice (cranberry), or lots of eyedrops (strong), or maybe just some more cowbell, baby.

Leo

"Would you rather be the top scientist in your field or have Mad Cow?"

Choices, choices, choices. You're going to have to decide something this week, and whether it's regarding your dream job or what to do this summer, you should practice this phrase: "Would you like fries with that?"

Virgo

"There's a guy name Fred and he's got a pair of slacks. Oooh-Fred's got slacks."

And you have a shopping addiction. Sure you may have the hottest Prada slacks in the Lehigh Valley, but you also have the biggest debt. This week, waltz right on past Macy's Coach counter, and get thee to a Target.

Libra

"I've tried all the tricks--screaming myself hoarse, staving them...or just beating them without mercy."

By now you've realize that abusing your friends doesn't get you your way, so why do you continue to do so? Honestly, hitting your BFF with a shoe isn't going to get them to clean the bathroom or rub your feet. Besides, who throws a shoe?

Scorpio

"There is no word to describe its perfection, so I am forced to make one up. And I'm going to do so right now. Scrumtrilescent."

That's exactly the kind of week you're going to have. It will be so good that you won't be able to do anything else. What be it that brings this joy? The end of classes, warm weather and a little "something-something" on the side.

Sagittarius

"I took a test...At the free clinic for hepatitis... I got an A, two B's and a C."

Worried about your grades this semester? Well, you should be. After all, you practically live at Stooges, and you've been to Callaghans so much that you have your own stein. At least you can say you've accomplished that much. Here's to you, Chops.

Capricorn

"At this point in the soak my lover and I usually crave spiced meats."

Within the next few days, you will have a craving, and whether that's for Chicken Nuggets, Pinot Grigio or just a new pair of handcuffs, you need to satisfy your desires. So hit McDonalds and the state store and fulfill yourself. It would be advisible to do so in a timely fashion, lest you do something you shouldn't.

Aquarius

"Would you eat the moon if it were made of spare ribs?"

This is a serious question. Would you? Because, if you're not going to answer yes, this means that you are way too satisfied with the current state of campus cuisine. You need to take a trip off campus and grab some delicious Parma. After all, pizza is for lovers.

Pisces

"I drive...I drive..I drive a Dodge Stratus!"

Watch where you're turning this week. Just when you think it's safe to turn down a narrow road (say Leh St., the vaginal canal of Allentown), remember to look both ways before you slide on in. And that's my last piece of advice. It's been real (fake), kids.

SEX | FROM PAGE 10

I thought Harry's 30 second cutoff curious but persuasive, simply because 29 seconds of problemless existence is just short of perfection. And perhaps that's what he meant.

After all, 29 makes sense. Numerically, it's associated with the birth of Jesus, claimed by oral tradition to be Sept. 29; it becomes a palindrome in just one step using Gurenberger's algorithm; and in Volume 29 of the APA Monitor, Chinese psychiatrists decided that homosexuality was not a mental disorder--I mean, really 29 just fits. Think about it, if previously communist countries can embrace homosexuals in volume 29, we can definitely embrace our partners for at least 29 seconds.

I understand the anxiety of post-orgasm and the difficulty of panting and gathering your breath while quietly evaluating who should tie and throw out the condom or clean up any misplaced come. But before you step out of bed to relieve or clean yourself, stay in bed and just be--exist in the moment.

Sex is a wonderful thing. Like music, its notes continue to echo throughout the auditorium even after the instrument has stopped being strung.

As a sexual instrument, bodies echo even after climaxing, so much so, that those first 29 seconds are completely still, ready to be filled with memory.

I'm convinced of this. The best sex ends with 29 seconds of halted rational thought, of distinct spiritual connection and internal satisfaction. Perhaps that's why 30 seconds is the benchmark for problems, because that's when our rationality starts to kick in.

We become immediately concerned with having been too loud or too quick, too aggressive or too soft; we wonder if this is the beginning or the end of the evening, and if it's the end how long he'll linger before leaving.

We concern ourselves with what to say and how to best and proudly complete the walk of shame back to our rooms; we think, we project, we question and we disallow ourselves from being still, from being in the moment, from experience, from a faultless 29 seconds.

Why 29? Psychological research, suggests humans have three stages of distinct memory storage capabilities, par permanent deletion.

The first is sensory memory, which lasts only a few seconds and is absorbed by short-term memory, which transfers our consciousness into awareness.

Short-term memory allows for simple processes like holding a conversation, reading this article or writing in a journal. But, and here's the clincher, short-term memory only last up to about 30 seconds.

And since we can only remember five to nine bits of information in our short-term memory at a given time, after 30 seconds our short-term memory is displaced into long-term memory or completely replaced.

Since short-term memory is much closer to our sensual experience, those first 29 seconds after sex allow you to fully embrace the memory and oftentimes revisit the sensations of the experience (http://allpsych.com).

So instead of getting up or clamming up, focus on the eight or nine things your lover did that blew your mind, and let yourself remember.

SPOTLIGHT | FROM PAGE 10

to read. Coincidentally, the child they were later matched with was featured that week.

Hart's father originally wanted his daughter to read the article so she could realize how much she had. Hart was so touched by the article that she encouraged her family to seriously look into adopting a child. Linda, their adopted daughter, has now been living with the Hart's for seven years, and of the experience Hart said, "My family and I probably underestimated how difficult it would be," but they never regret their decision. After the holiday break, Hart began fundraising. By May she needed to have raised $2,500, so she set-up a web-page and sent letters out to friends and family. Luckily, Hart exceeded her goal. So far she has raised $3,100-$3,200 dollars, and donations are still coming.

At the marathon Hart was one of 20,000 people running with an official number. Her training paid off as she finished the race in five hours and 40 minutes, just two hours shy of the qualifying time for her age group. However, as would be expected the marathon tested her physical and mental perseverance. At mile eleven she had to stop at a Red Cross Station to get the blisters on the balls of her feet bandaged. By that time she was also starving, and when she got back on the course she took a banana offered by a boy in the crowd but promptly threw it up. When asked if she ever doubted that she would finish, Hart recalled a time in high school when she pushed herself to finish a race and had to be taken to the hospital after she collapsed at the end. She said after going through that she knew that she could get through anything.

Raising the money for MARE and training for the 26.2 mile race took up a good deal of Hart's time these past two semesters. "It really just hasn't hit me that I've run a marathon," said Hart, but she'd love to do it again despite the effort it took because she received a sense of her own perseverance from it.

Trust and mental game lead to wins

Mule Profile- Diana Bleakley

By Jess Anselmi
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

An all-around athlete, Senior Diana Bleakley has secured her name in the College's record books in her top sport, lacrosse. A four year Varsity starter in goal, Bleakley is currently ranked seventh in the Centennial Conference in save percentage (.500) and second in saves per game (10.08); she also claims six 20-save games throughout her career.

Leading a Mule squad ranked fifth in the Centennial Conference standings, Bleakley achieved one of her greatest accomplishments this season when she broke the all-time save record of 563 versus Washington College.

Bleakley's lacrosse career took off in her hometown of Havertown, Pa., where she began playing lacrosse in sixth grade. In high school (Friends' Central), she earned twelve Varsity letters: four in lacrosse, four in soccer and a combination in cheerleading, wrestling and dance.

A two-year captain in both lacrosse and soccer, she led her lacrosse team to the school's first league title as a senior. Bleakley names this as one of her athletic achievements of which she is most proud; her first year, the team did not even have a winning record.

In her freshman year at the College, Bleakley tied the records for saves in a game and in a season, making this her "most accomplished season." She was named an honorable mention for the All-Centennial Conference squad, was ECAC Goalie of the Week three times and recieved honorable mention Player of the Week twice.

Out with an injury her sophomore season, Bleakley returned to the goal as a junior where she concentrated on her "mental game" to improve as a player. Starting every game, she totaled 148 saves on the season, which moved her to second place on the all-time save list, with a total of 522. She also led the team with 36 ground balls and had eight double-digit games which included a season high 22-save game at Dickinson College.

Her final season has been filled with personal and team accomplishments; Bleakley says that she "played every game to win, not to break a record." The team is one win away from breaking the College record of eight wins in a season.

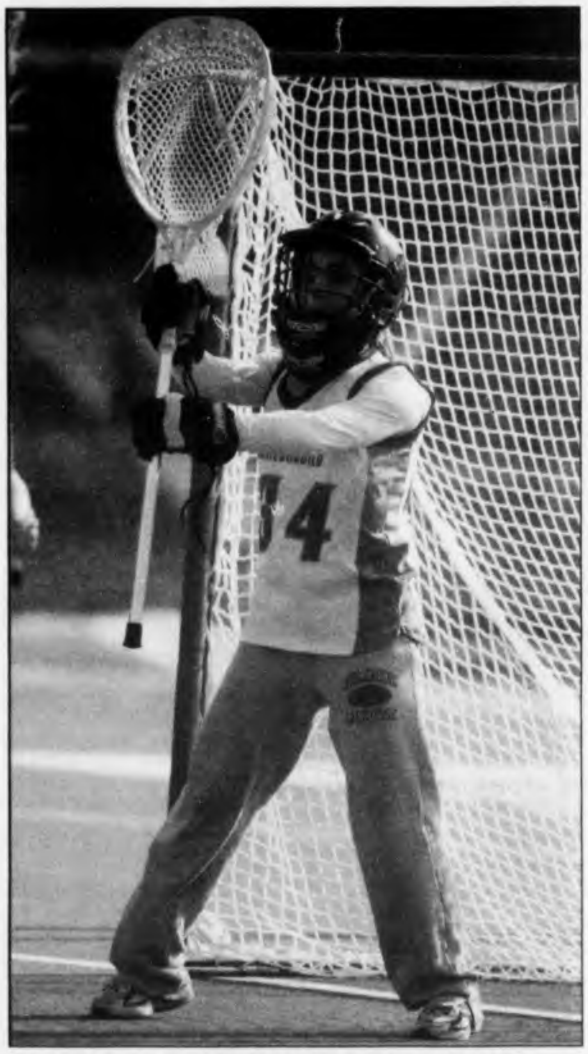
Bleakley contributed much of this season's success to the team's camaraderie: "Our team is incredibly tight on and off the field. One of the best things is that wc are honest with each other about our play. We are all open to criticism from teammates."

A Communication major, Bleakley hopes to continue her involvement with lacrosse after graduation: "I want to be a lacrosse coach, initially at the high school level but eventually at the collegiate level."

She names assistant coach Liz Borucki as a mentor in that department, as "Liz was an accomplished goalie at Gettysburg [College], and it's nice to have a goalie on staff to guide me and who is knowledgeable about my position and the game."

With only four games left in her collegiate career, Bleakley hopes the squad makes it to the Centennial Conference playoffs so that her career ends on a high note.

Bleakley says she will miss her teammates. She also thanks her parents for their dedication to her career: "My parents have come to all of my games since high school, and I think it's the absolute greatest thing in the world that they take the time to support me." said Bleakley, "I've always had at least two fans at my games."



Senior Diana Bleakley guards the goal. Bleakley focused on her mental game when she was injured her sophomore year.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG WEBSITE

'Berg beats out Moravian College

Matte Award standings 12-6

By Allison Auclair
SPORTS EDITOR

SCOREBOARD:
LEOPARD INVITATIONAL NTS

The Mules had an impressive showing at Lafayette's Leopard Invitational, as two members of the women's track team broke their own College records.

This invitational was designated as the Matte Award contest, and the men defeated Moravian College, 97-73, while the women won by a score of 92-90. The final Matte standings for the 2004-05 season had the College winning, 12-6.

Junior Karen Mount broke the record in the 1,500 meters for the second week in a row, again knocking about five seconds off her time. In the past three meets, she has improved from 4:57.73 to 4:47.59.

Freshman Jenna Lombardi broke her own 100 meter school record, bringing her time from 12.97 to 12.86.

Mount and Lombardi are only two of the many Eastern Colleges Athletic Conference championship qualifying performances that Mule runners put on this weekend.

Junior Danielle Seiler was a qualifier in the 400 meters with a time of 59.25, along with Ashlie Hankee in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15.38.

Both relay teams qualified for ECACs, the 44x100 meters with a time of 50.49 and the 4x400 meters with a time 4:06.52.

Senior Megan Douglas-Snyder was top Mule finisher in the triple jump with a distance of 31-6, while Sophomore Sarah Mitchell was the only Mule to win an event and was also an NCAA provisional qualifier in the javelin with a distance of 130-8. This is the third week in a row that Mitchell has qualified in the javelin.

OUTDOOR
TRACK & FIELD

In the long jump, Sophomore Rachel Drosdick led the Mules, while Sophomore Valerie Robuck was the highest ranking Mule in the high jump.

The men's team had ECAC qualifying performances as well, all coming from Senior John Brodowski. Brodowski qualified in both the high jump and long jump, with distances of 6-4 and 21-1/4, respectively.

Along with these two performances, Brodowski was the highest finishing Mule in the javelin, with a distance of 168-0.

Sophomore Stephen Rothwell was an ECAC qualifier as well, finishing the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:58.45.

The triple jump was led by Freshman Joel Haddock, while Senior Christopher Martin was the highest placing Mule in the steeplechase with 10:11.45.

This weekend, the Mules compete in the Penn Relays on Apr. 28-30 and the Lehigh games on Apr. 30.

These two relays will help them prepare for the Centennial Conference Championships. The Mules will host the Conference Championships on May 6, 7 and 8.

Mules take a swing at title but share honors with Garnet

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

Scoreboard:	
Women:	
4/23 Washington (Md.)	W 8-1
4/26 Ursinus	W 8-1
Men:	
4/23 Gettysburg	L 3-4

On Saturday, the Mules women's team beat Washington College 8-1, placing them one step closer to being Conference championships. In order to win, the Mules needed Swarthmore College to lose to Gettysburg College; however, the undefeated Swarthmore team prevailed. The Mules will still share the Centennial Conference title with Swarthmore College since they defeated Ursinus College.

The number two doubles team of Senior Emily Oster and Sophomore Pam Kimmelman beat their opponents 8-1. Oster had an exceptional day also winning third singles 9-8 and 5-4.

TENNIS

This 80th win was a milestone in Oster's career, as she set the College record for most combined spring dual wins in a career.

Junior Amy Schmidt worked her way up the record books as well on Saturday. Her win at the number one singles spot tied career singles wins with 39 and season singles wins with fourteen.

In doubles, Schmidt along with Freshman Ashley Reed persevered 8-5 against a tough, nationally ranked first double's team. This is the Mules' eighth consecutive win.

The men lost 4-3 to Gettysburg College on Saturday. Junior Brad Gutwillig and Senior Mitch Reading were the lone singles winners. Gutwillig beat his opponent 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 at the number two spot, while Reading fell 2-6 and came back to win 6-3 and 6-2, sealing the victory.

The doubles team of Senior co-Captains Jeff Kraft and Reading led by example, defeating Gettysburg College at the number one spot 8-4.

Gutwillig and number two doubles partner Sophomore Doug Wayne won 8-6. The two Mules teams combined to win the doubles point; however, with only Reading and Gutwillig coming up with the singles wins, the Mules fell 4-3.

Junior Amy Schmidt gets ready to slap the ball down the court.

Photo by Rob Kandel

BASEBALL

FROM PAGE 16

This is the first time the Mules have been shut-out in 64 games.

The last time that the Mules were shut-out occurred when they lost 4-0 to Ursinus on Apr. 23, 2003. Ursinus were second in the Conference at the time.

In the second game, Sophomore Ryan Sassaman got his twentieth RBI of the season in the eighth, when he drove in Sophomore A.J. Bettini for the Mules' only run of the game.

Sassaman got up with one out and runners on first and third. He hit a grounder back to the pitcher, and the Diplomats tried to turn two, but Sassaman hustled down the line and allowed Bettini to score from third.

Senior shortstop and co-Captain Matthew Long set the Mules' all-time assist record with 283 eclipsing Michael Cirillo's 281. The Diplomats' pitching overpowered the Mules' offense which had been averaging over thirteen runs a game over their past five contests.

Saturday, the Mules face Johns Hopkins University in their last regular season Conference game.

If the Mules sweep the second-seeded Blue Jays, they have a slight chance at the playoffs. Haverford College needs to lose three out of the four games they play against Swarthmore and McDaniel Colleges. Ursinus needs to drop three out of four to McDaniel College and Johns Hopkins University. ashington College needs to split or lose both in their double-header versus Gettysburg College. If all of that happens, then the Mules have a shot at the number four spot in the playoffs.

Crazier things have happened this year such as when football won a bid to the NCAA tournament after defeating Moravian and getting the results they needed from five other games.

Session I Starts May 23!

MUHLENBERG
SUMMER STUDY
Register Now

It's the perfect time to catch up or move ahead!

A wide selection of 4-, 6-, and 10-week courses available including

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Asian Traditions
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilization
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Science
- History
- Mathematical Sciences
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Spanish
- Studio Arts

FOR MORE INFORMATION

contact The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College at 484-664-3300 or visit

www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/summer

Registrations accepted Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. to noon

Self Storage City

- Individual Door Alarms
- Climate Controlled Space
- Electronic Keypad Access
- 24-Hour Video Surveillance
- We Sell Locks, Boxes, Tape, Etc.
- Brand New Facility!

Located Right On
Route 309
3 Blocks North of Rt. 22

(610) 398-2700

www.selfstoragecity.com

Summer Break
Special
1/2 Month - Free!!

Self Storage City
N
Texaco
Pope Rd
Rt. 309
Walbert Ave
Ridgeview Dr
Rt. 22

Mules struggle to score

By Shannon Donohue
Weekly Sports Writer

Scoreboard:
4/23 Washington (Md.)
L 6-17

MEN'S LACROSSE

The Mules suffered another Centennial Conference loss on Saturday to eighth ranked Washington College with a score of 17-6.

The Mules, who are 7-1 in non-Conference games, have struggled against Centennial Conference competition such as Gettysburg and Franklin and Marshall Colleges, who are ranked sixth and seventeenth in DIII before meeting up with Washington College this weekend.

The Mules managed to keep up with the Shoremen in the first minutes of the game, out-shooting their offense and taking nine of the first eleven shots. Despite the aggressive attempts, the Mules' offense was held scoreless, and Washington answered back with two goals late into the first quarter and eventually took the lead 5-0 at halftime.

The Mules didn't appear on the scoreboard until the third quarter, with a goal by Sophomore Sean Toohill, his 51st career point.

Washington then scored nine goals in the third quarter, surpassing the Mules by more than ten points and adding three more in the last quarter to seal their win.

"We struggled to score for a while, but then Galen ripped a laser shot past the goalie to get us going a little bit," said Sophomore Cliff Burwell of Junior Galen Marsh. Marsh led the Mules' offense with two goals, bringing his total to seven goals in the past three games.

Freshman Mickey "Eagle-Eye" Norton notched two points with one goal and one assist, and Junior Justin Hollander and Burwell each had one goal as well. Norton is currently the team leader in points for the season with 37; he also leads the team in assists and has a place in the College's records with 25 career assists. "We were able to score some goals towards the end of the game but it was too little too late," said Burwell.

The Mules' defense struggled against a powerful Washington attack and was out-shot 34-44 by the end of the game. Freshman goalie Christopher Nerney made eight saves, and junior goalie Jay Hoffman made two saves for the Mules.

Despite the setback, the Mules have a positive outlook for their upcoming games. "It was a tough loss" said sophomore Kyle Hart, "but hopefully we can bounce back against Ursinus this coming week."

Junior Galen Marsh tries to pull away from the offensiveman.

Photo by Rob Kandel

'Berg loses close game

By Joseph Nash
Weekly Sports Writer

Scoreboard:
4/23 Gettysburg L 16-5

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The Mules faced off against nationally ranked Gettysburg College on Saturday and suffered a 16-5 loss. The Bullets scored six goals in the first eight minutes of play to jump to an early start.

"We felt great going into the game. We came off of an amazing overtime game versus Dickinson the previous week. We just got intimidated easily and lost our heart for a while," said Donohue. "Coach pulled us out of it. She is an incredible motivator, but it was too late."

Junior Courtney Tapkas fired back to score three goals for the Mules making the score 10-3 at halftime. In the second half, Freshman Taylor Armstrong picked up a goal while Junior Shannon Donohue tallied one goal and one assist.

Tapkas fired in the 162nd goal of her career, breaking the College record for career goals. Tapkas already owns the record for most goals in a season with 73 in 2003; however, this goal against Gettysburg College places her 2005 season at number five on the list of goals per season with 46. The hat trick was her 27th of her college career, placing her at number three on that all-time list.

The Bullets fired 35 shots against senior goalkeeper Diana Bleakley. She had fifteen saves on the day while the Gettysburg goalkeeper has six saves off of twelve shots. Bleakley leads the College with saves in a career, posting 666 in the 2002-2005 span.

"Gettysburg is a great program who we respect though, and losing to them isn't as much of a disappointment as our Dickinson loss before that," said Donohue.

Kilts versus Jerseys

By Tara DeMarzo
Asst. Sports Editor

Football players wore kilts, and field hockey players wore football jerseys on Tuesday. It was not a joke; it was a powderpuff field hockey game held to benefit the Fox Chase Cancer Society. With a one dollar donation serving as an entry fee, all proceeds went to the Fox Chase Cancer Society. Fox Chase Cancer Society is a center with a mission to "improve cancer treatment and prevention."

Sophomore Cameron Smith and Junior Brian Spencer, self-appointed community service chairs, pitched many community service ideas to Coach Donnelly, but they eventually decided that a field hockey game would be fun.

"It was a blast," said Smith after the game, "I am really happy with it; there was a decent turnout. I remember looking at the stands and seeing a lot of people which was nice because I was worried about the turnout."

Smith, Spencer and Donnelly met with field hockey coaches Megan Eddinger and Stacey Blue and Junior co-Captain Katie Thomas. Together they decided that the beneficiary would be the Fox Chase Cancer Society.

One of the reasons the teams chose Fox Chase Cancer Society was that three football players lost their fathers to cancer over the summer.

Sophomore Cameron Smith said, "A lot of guys are from the Philadelphia area. It was good to help hometown resources." A few weeks ago, the football team did a lift-a-thon to benefit the society.

Sophomore Sara Levin commented on the night saying, "I think it served a great purpose, the Fox Cancer Society, and it proved to be very fun."

Though the game was for a good cause, it did not stop the competition when the two teams faced off in two twenty minute halves on Frank Marino Field. Coach Eddinger and Coach Blue served as referees.

Before the game, Thomas said, "This has been a highly anticipated event with much trash-talking."

When asked about her predictions for the game Thomas replied, "I think our skills and finesse will win over their brute strength."

When asked for his pre-game thoughts, Smith commented, "We have fifty guys, so there will be a lot of rotation. I hope we can wear them down with our superior numbers, but we're definitely going to have a bunch of guys with sore backs." Smith's predictions proved true.

The first half of play remained scoreless with Junior Mark Bennett in goal. With multiple saves, he kept the football team in the game. The first goal in the game came from Freshman Kelly Shetron scored off of a pass from Junior Katie Thomas.

Then, Mike Lynch had a good look at goal but Sophomore Jen McDougall was perfect in the cage, notching the shutout.

The second goal came unassisted from Sophomore Sara Levin. Thomas said, "Everybody had a really good time, and it was nice to see the two teams get together and raise money. It was awesome that so many people came out, and hopefully we can do this again."

The event was a success as the two teams raised approximately $425 with the major contributors being the two teams themselves and Alpha Chi Omega. Wood Dining Services also donated snacks and beverages.

Junior Audra Levey is the chair of the athletics committee for the College through Student Council. She collected the money at the door and said, "The Powder Puff game was an overwhelming success. The teams have a substantial contribution to give to the Fox Chase Cancer Society."

Levey continued, "Coach Donnelly joined in the festivites as well, wearing a kilt himself. He was definitely in the spirit." Besides a few wipe-outs and a lot of sore backs, the game was an overall success.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Inside: *Women's tennis could split the Conference title.* *page 14*

Inside: *Outdoor Track and Field defeat Moravian.* *page 13*

Women take fourth at Lehigh

By Kristen Ziegler
Sports Editor

Scoreboard	
4/23 Lehigh Spring Invitational	4th
4/26 Gettysburg Invitational	6th

GOLF

In the Lehigh Spring Invitational, the Mules' fourth invitational this season, they finished with a team score of 421. This is three strokes better than their average score from last season. The Mules' average teamscore so far this season is 410.75.

Though, overall, the team did fairly well, the course was less than easy. Sophomore Laura Fazio cites not only the rain but a major drop in temperature as a problem for the team. "It was 85 that week, and then it was in the 40s when we went out and played. Additionally, it was a TCP level course, or a professional level. It was beautiful to play, but hard."

"The course we played was 150 yards longer than we are used to, " said Junior co-Captain Keiko Yoshida.

Senior co-Captain Kristen Bruschi had the lowest round for the Mules this week. Her round of 97 was twelve strokes behind the leader from Kutztown. Holly Shubilla shot a round of 85, twelve over par.

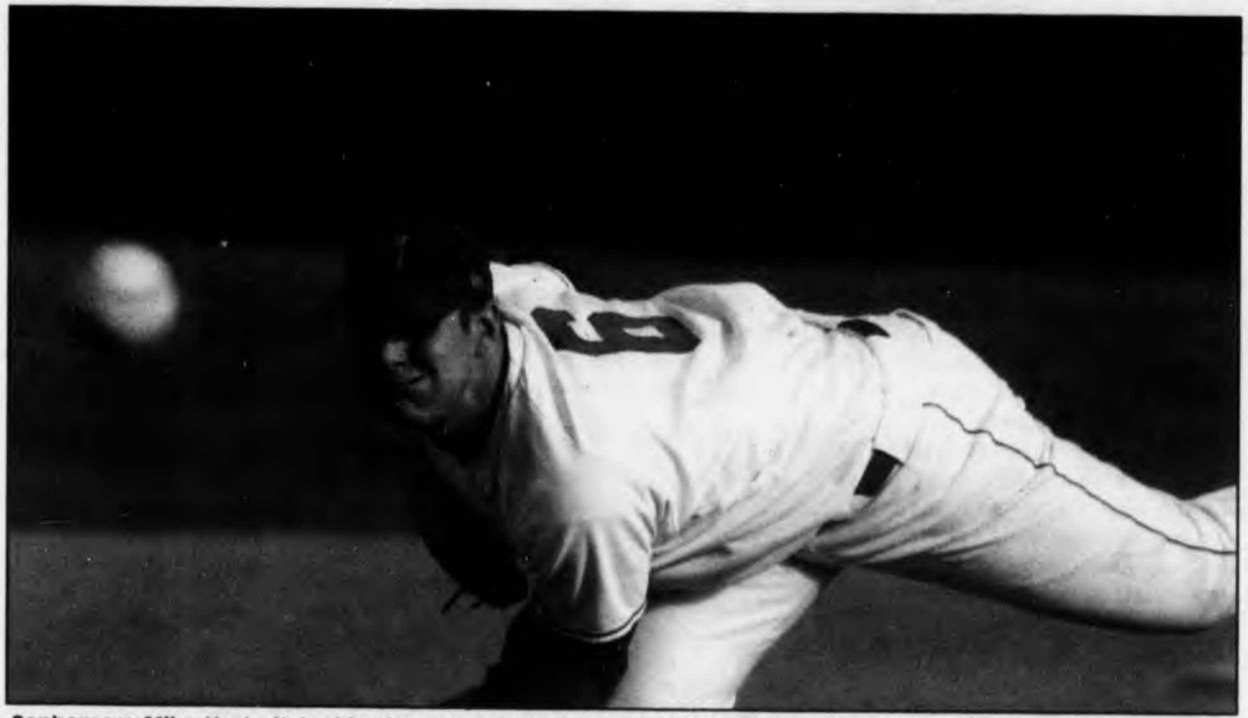
Sophomore Kristen Amore shot a 103 this week. Bruschi and Amore are in the top ten players in the Conference. Bruschi is ranked eighth with an average round of 93.7 while Amore is ranked ninth with an average round of 94.5.

Sophomore Lindsay Scott has been playing fairly consistently this season. Her shooting average is a 104.6. In this round, she shot a 108. Sophomore Lauren Fazio shot a 113, and Keiko Yoshida shot a 117.

Though the Mules' scores were higher than their average round in this invitational, there were several contributing factors. The Mules are ranked second in the Conference with McDaniel College in first. The Conference Championships are Apr. 30 and May 1.

"Because of the Muhlenberg records we have been able to break this year and season, we have been trying to pick up the ranking and do well in the Centennial Conference Championships," said Fazio. "This year, we have been getting out and practicing a lot. We are hoping for a really good turn-out."

Mules win one, drop two



Sophomore Mike Hart pitched in the game against Gwynned-Mercy. Though the Mules were losing 9-1 in the eighth inning, they scored eight runs to tie up the game. Then Gwynned-Mercy came back with two more runs and won the game.

Photo by Rob Kandel

By Frank Citera
Weekly Sports Writer

Scoreboard
4/22 Dickinson
W 11-4
4/24 Franklin and Marshall
L 0-1 L 1-7
4/26 Gwynedd-Mercy
L 11-9

BASEBALL

Senior pitcher Gregg Burkhart went the distance to help the Mules defeat Dickinson College for the second time in a week. With the 11-4 win, the Mules improved their Conference record to 7-7 (15-10 overall).

The Mules plated at least one run in the second, third, fourth and fifth innings, capping off the scoring with four in the seventh and one more in the eighth.

With one out in the bottom of the second, Junior James Petersen reached first on a bad throw from the Dickinson third baseman that pulled the first baseman off the bag. Freshman Joe Carlo executed the hit-and-run to perfection by driving a pitch through the vacated hole at second base to send Petersen to third.

Sophomore catcher A.J. Bettini got his first RBI of the day on a sacrifice fly to center plating Petersen. Bettini, who had four RBIs on the day, got two more when he drilled the first pitch he saw from Dickinson pitcher Matt Eonta to the left center field gap for a triple in the bottom of the seventh, plating Petersen and Carlo and the fourth when he grounded into a fielder's choice. Bettini is now leading the Conference in hitting with a .465 batting average.

Junior right fielder Chad Hegstrom drove in Bettini from third when he reached on an infield single in the seventh. Senior center fielder C.J. Kessler then worked the count to three and one and seemed to be issued a free pass when the next pitch looked like it tailed off the plate. The umpire called it a strike, and he drove the 3 - 2 pitch to the right center field gap for a run-scoring double, plating Hegstrom. Petersen, who has been hitting the ball hard lately, drove in the final run in the bottom of the eighth with a double down the right field line.

Burkhart, who struck out nine while allowing only four hits, said, "I think our team as a whole has stepped up these past two games."

"Our offense and pitching has finally gelled together," said Burkhart. "I'm very confident that we can keep up this intensity for the next few weeks and hopefully have it lead us into the playoffs."

The Mules' playoff hopes trailed away after losing both games of a double-header to the number one seeded Franklin and Marshall. The Mules, now 7-9 in Conference play, lost the first game 1-0 in a real pitcher's duel, and lost the second 7-1.

In the first game, Sophomore pitcher Jason Bonder, who stepped up to claim the fourth rotation spot this spring, pitched a great game. He pitched all six frames, striking out six and scattering only four hits. His one earned run came off of a sacrifice fly to center field.

Bonder has been a bright spot in the Mules' rotation this year as he is tied with team Senior co-Captain Aaron Regensberg for the team lead in wins with three. Bonder is second on the team in innings pitched with 37 strikeouts and 38 1/3 innings pitched. He leads the team with a 4.22 ERA.

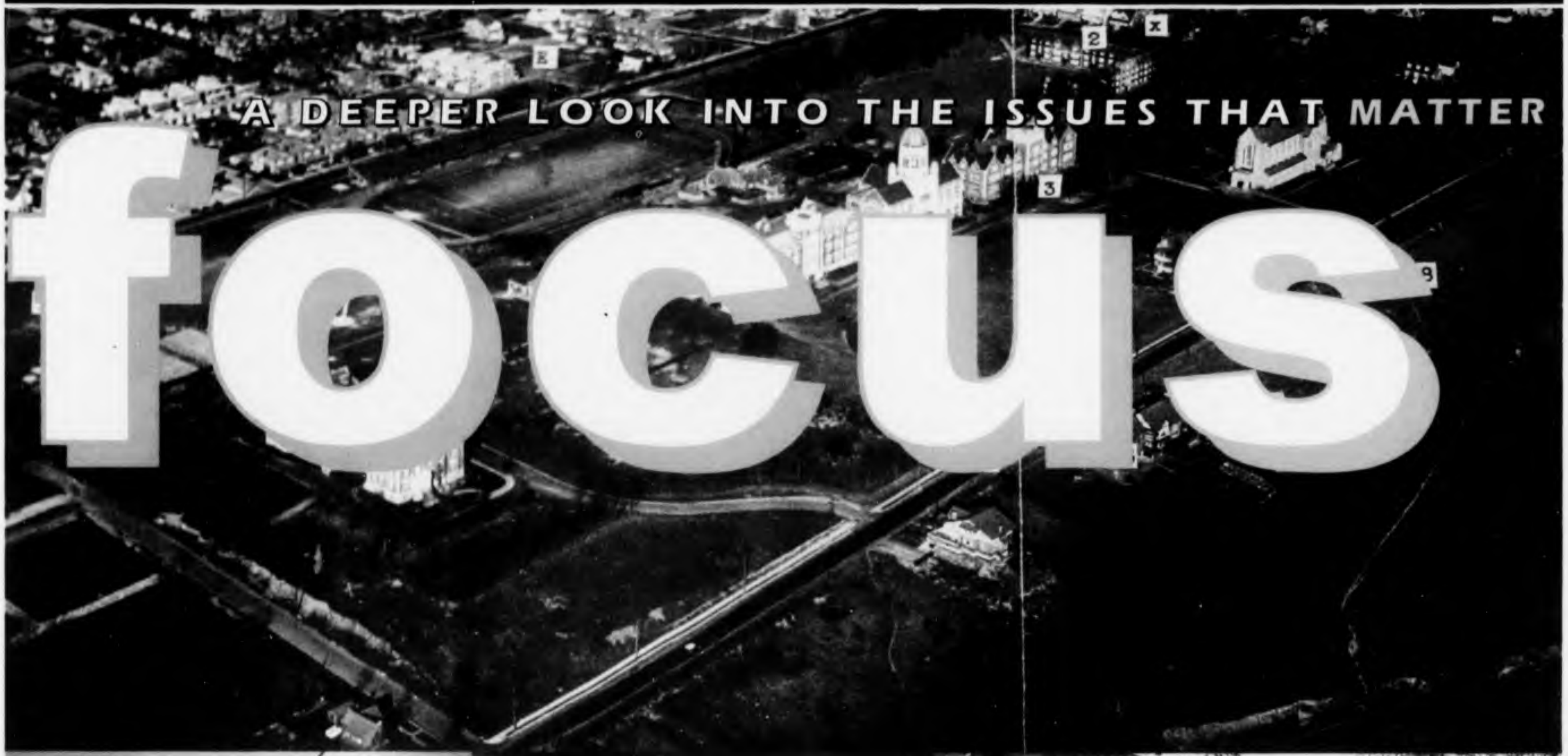
The Mules had runners on base in every inning, but they were unable to put one across the plate.

SEE BASEBALL | PAGE 14

6802

A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

focus



MUHLENBERG
New Science Addition and Additions to Seegers Student Union
Completion: January 2007
BALLINGER
WHITING-TURNER

The Changing Face of Muhlenberg

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE
2400 Chew Street
Allentown, PA 18104-5586
484-664-3100 www.muhlenberg.edu
Denotes Emergency Phone Location
Wheelchair Accessible Doors
First Floor Access Only
Automatic Doors
LIBERTY STREET
GORDON STREET
ALBRIGHT AVENUE
N. TWENTY-SIXTH STREET
Stadium
Practice Field
Soccer Field
Staff Parking
Student Parking

PHOTO COMPILATION BY ROB KANDEL

Planning the present and future

By Wendy Eichler
Asst. Focus Editor

No matter how endearing "The Caring College" sounds to some, the College cannot be boiled down to a single refrain. Like the individuals attached to it, our campus is dynamic, vibrant and responsive to the situation at hand. This year alone brought numerous changes to the College, continuing the evolution of the campus environment. As the 2004-2005 academic year draws to a close, now seems a better time than ever to reflect on the changes wrought this year within our small but substantial school.

Randy Helm, President of the College's Strategic Plan is an undeniably large part of the current and future changes on campus. Numerous developments are in place to augment the College curriculum establish ties with neighboring institutions and businesses, and to foster a flourishing academic, cultural and cordial environment on campus.

One development includes a partnership with the Allentown Art Museum, granting Museum curatorial staff members access to the Trexler Library and institutional membership/free admission for students, and further exchanges between Art Department Faculty and the Museum Staff.

Other partnerships include a possible agreement with Thomas Jefferson University of Health Sciences for graduate work in physical and occupational therapy, and a joint venture in business education between the Wescoe School College of Business and Economics at Lehigh University and the Wescoe School, so that graduates with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Wescoe School would be able to continue their education in the MBA program at Lehigh.

The Strategic Plan will also guide developments to the College's academic programming, including the addition of a minor in Public Health is in the works, which the Curriculum Committee will consider this Fall. We may be seeing new physical additions to the College, as the administration hired consultants to survey ideal campus locations for new facilities including student residences, the creation of an alumni house and sites for parking.

This year highlights some of the changes to the College in the past year and looks forward to future plans for our College Community.

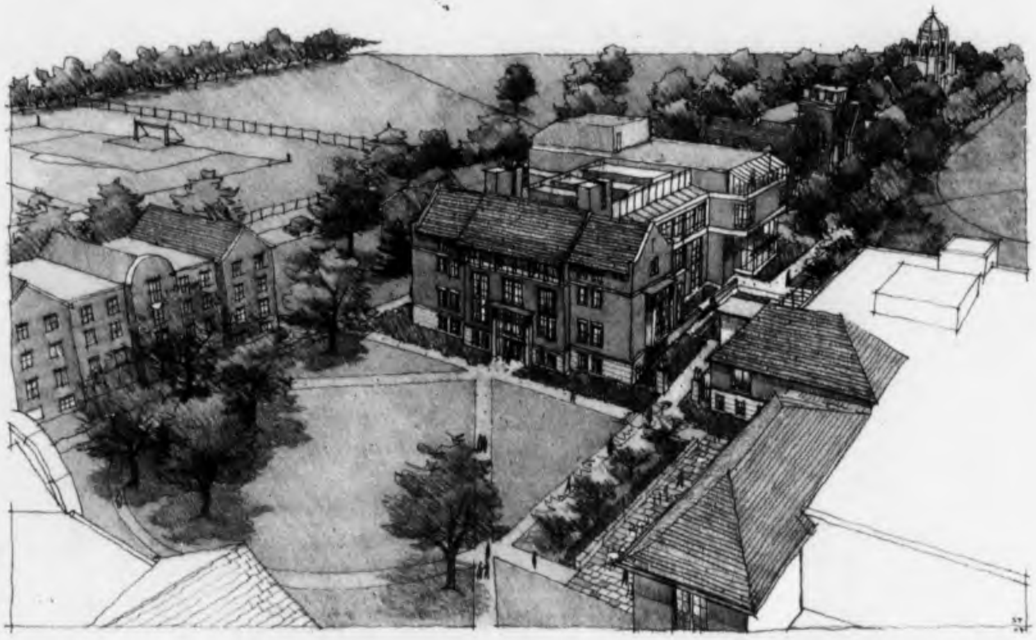


Photo provided by Mike Bruckner

Here's lookin' at us: 'Berg in the spotlight

By Mike Bruckner
Director of Public Relations

When examining the value of media visibility, the old adage "If a tree falls in the woods and no one is present, does it make a sound?" comes to mind.

Over the past several years, the College's students, faculty, staff and programs have received considerable publicity. This visibility is important, first and foremost, because it creates greater awareness of the College, locally, regionally and nationally. Public relations and a positive image can support the College's first-rate admissions and fund-raising efforts. Alumni relations benefits as well, as graduates of all ages want to see their alma mater succeed, further raising their institutional pride and the value of their degrees.

I'm not sure that the College's public image has changed over one year or even the past two years. Changing and improving the prestige factor of any institution takes many, many years. It often takes 10 years for perception to catch up with reality. Maybe now, the outside world is finally figuring out what many of us have known for a long time--the College has high-quality faculty, students and programs.

The other cultural change that happens is that faculty, most of whom do not seek publicity, begin to get more comfortable with publicity and realize the value of publicity for the institution. This, of course, is not always true, and we would never put a faculty member in a situation where he or she is not comfortable. There are, however, many opportunities for an expert professor to comment on issues, and it's nice for the community to see that the College, indeed, has tremendous expertise and knowledge.

Public relations efforts are nothing, however, without excellent people and programs to promote. Fortunately for the 'Berg, our faculty and students have been doing great things for many years and are starting to get the national and professional recognition they deserve.

This year, the College had tremendous media success. The Polling Institute headed by Chris Borick, Associate Professor of Political Science, the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, Dan Klem, Professor of Biology's bird research, Bill Tighe, Associate Professor of History's papal succession expertise and Dan Wilson, Professor of History's polio research were among the highlights.

The faculty's stance on the Patriot Act could easily have been mis-interpreted, though their voice was heard nationwide. The College, and Randy Helm, President of the College, were on target when they noted that a good faculty should be questioning and examining policies. It is a College's responsibility to present forums and discussions on controversial issues.

Years ago, colleges opened their doors and students simply came. This is no longer the case. We are in a marketplace that is competitive for students, fund-raising dollars; research grants and top-notch faculty. An institution that remains in the news in a positive manner can gain many direct and indirect benefits.

Can a major feature story in the New York Times construct a building? No. But, it can instill alumni pride, catch the eye of a potential donor or strengthen the argument when the President meets with a major foundation. Can an Associated Press story about history professor Dan Wilson recruit a highly-qualified biology professor? Maybe not. But, indirectly, a potential faculty member may read the piece and take new note of the College.

Do students enroll at the College because they read about Muhlenberg in their local papers? No. But they are certainly more likely to apply to and attend a school that was in their consciousness before their college searches begin.

Whether we like it or not, we live in a media-driven, image-driven society. There was an old camera commercial with the catch phrase, "image is everything;" for better or worse, the same is increasingly true in higher education today.

As the competition for top students and financial resources becomes more intense, we may be headed toward a distinct separation of the "haves" and the "have-nots."

Quality will rise to the top, and students, faculty, staff and alumni have risen to the occasion to ensure that the College is on the rise and will remain among the "haves," the upper echelon of private, liberal arts colleges.

Change of face: Facilities and grounds

By James Steffy
Consultant for Capital Projects

This academic year began with the opening of the new and expanded Life Sports Center, a project in the planning stages since the late 1990s. The new 40,000 square foot facility adjoins the Life Sports Center and opened in mid August in time for varsity team practices. The $12.5M project required the relocation of tennis courts and razing of a building that housed Health Services and Counseling Services. The multi-purpose building, popular with students, faculty and staff, follows earlier improvements to athletic fields and the stadium. The new Life Sports Center, with its expanded hours and services, serves as a prime recreational and activity space for residential students and continues to function as a location for many of the College's special and public events.

Earlier in this academic year the Strategic Plan for the College was approved by the Board of Trustees. Among its stated major initiatives are facilities goals to strengthen the natural sciences; create an Academic Resource Center; establish a Center for Career and Pre-Professional Advising; and enhance co-curricular and extra-curricular life through the expansion and renovation of the Seegers Union.

During the course of the year, faculty, staff and Ballinger architects began intensive planning in an effort to design and carry out expansion and improvements to science facilities and the Seegers Union. A ground-breaking ceremony was held Apr. 22 and construction on both projects will begin May 2.

Planning for the Seegers addition involved Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, Glenn Gerchman Director of the Student Union and Campus Events, Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life, academic services staff and Marjorie Hass, Provost of the College. Goals of the 11,000 square foot project are to expand and improve Seegers lower level space for academic services functions. The addition will also provide three additional large meeting rooms on the Seegers main level. A new north entrance to the building will be constructed adjacent to Seegers Room 110. Occupancy of the new bi-level addition is anticipated in January of 2006.

THE COLLEGE'S SCIENCE FACILITIES HAVE COME A LONG WAY FROM THE MID 1950S, AND THE RENOVATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO FACILITATE THE STUDY OF THE SCIENCES.

Photo provided by Mike Bruckner

Planning for science facility improvements began in the summer of 2003 with science consultant Arthur Lidsky. Faculty involvement was coordinated by Bruce Anderson, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Richard Niesenbaum, Associate Professor of Biology and Hass. Among the goals are the establishment of teaching and research neighborhoods for faculty and students; creation of new and expanded space conducive to interdisciplinary and collaborative efforts; improved connectivity between Shankweiler and Trumbower Buildings; and future improvements for mathematics and physics offices.

The first phase of sciences improvements will be the construction of a new 40,000 square foot structure adjoining Shankweiler on the west. This structure will include biology laboratories, seminar rooms and offices. Occupancy of this space is anticipated in August of 2006. A second phase will include the renovation of the two lower floors of Shankweiler during the fall semester of 2006 and will include a new stair/elevator tower and bridge connecting the upper floors of Trumbower and Shankweiler. Completion of phase two is expected in 2007.

An overall goal for these combined projects is to improve the general area of campus west of Parents Plaza through the creation of functional and attractive building relationships, improved walkways and outdoor gathering places, and creation of an improved Taylor Mall.

The state of safety in the Bubble

By Allison Huth
Class of 2007

At some point in our college career we will have identified and discussed the presence of the 'Berg Bubble. As students, we use this term to describe the separation felt from the "real world" while on college soil. This expression also suggests the inherent sense of security most students feel on campus where we feel comfortable leaving our belongings unattended in GQ or playing Frisbee Golf around campus until all hours of the early morning.

Until recently it was also common that students, living both in dorms on campus or apartments off campus, neglected basic security precautions like locking their doors. However, due the increase in the number of burglaries and robberies in the perimeter of the College in the fall, this bubble was popped for most students.

This year the College confronted a series of armed robberies and burglaries in the area adjacent to campus. In response to such incidents, the College allocated $50,000 to improve lighting, replace locks and removing shrubbery in order to increase security on campus in areas surrounding campus. Members of the Student Body also responded to concerns of the safety of the Student Body.

In the fall, Michael Yellin '05 and Andrew Kalish '06 proposed the initiative to start a Campus Watch Program, similar to the program already established at Rice University. Since this proposal was made early in the fall, the Campus Safety Committee has taken the initiative to generate student interest and participation in the Watch Program and continue to make recommendations to the College of how safety can improve.

So what exactly is the Campus Watch Program? The Campus Watch is the community-based crime prevention program and organization for the faculty, staff and students of the College. Two main goals of the program are to educate members of the Student Body in all matters concerning crime prevention, and to increase communication between all segments of the College Community toward the goal of crime prevention. This program aims to communicate to students that preventing crime can be easy by taking simple precautions like locking doors and keeping belongings in sight.

The program is also designed to increase communication of crime by encouraging students to report any suspicious activity they see. This way, Campus Safety can respond to such crime faster. A common misconception of the program is that it is another way for the College to monitor student activity, or that it is a program where students will be patrolling the campus to bust parties. On the contrary, the program is designed to involve students in proactive crime prevention.

Facts on Crime

-There were 180 acts of vandalism in 2004, compared to 237 in 2003 and 263 in 2002.

-The amount of major offenses have remained stable over the past few years, while minor offenses of types 2 and 3 have declined.

-The amount of sexual assaults has varied over the past three years; there have been an average 7 assaults per year.

Outside of the Bubble

The Beginnings of the 19th Street Experience

By Bob Wood
Co-chair of 19th Street Champions Committee

The College has long been a great asset to the city of Allentown, and the west end of Allentown has been a prosperous location for the College. The economic benefits the College generates for the Lehigh Valley includes $58M in goods and services directly paid for by the College and an impressive $193.7M in economic impact.

In addition to the adding to the economy, the College also adds to the cultural fabric; students provide over 50,000 volunteer hours to various non-profit organizations, therefore helping to enrich the lives of our citizens. However, the question might be asked, is that enough?

The College has answered that question by providing leadership and some resources to help the merchants and neighborhoods on the Liberty Street side of the campus (up to 17th Street) by creating an initiative called the 19th Street Experience. This collaborative experience also includes support from the Allentown Council of the Greater Lehigh County Chamber of Commerce, Lehigh County's Main Street Coordination and city of Allentown - Community and Economic Development staff, and several private sector individuals from Allentown Ahead, the city of Allentown's private Community and Economic Champions.

> *The vision for the 19th Street Experience is one of creating a vibrant social, cultural, and retail mecca just five blocks from the...campus.*

The genesis of this initiative was a survey conducted by the College in the spring of 2004 that captured the services students of the College felt were missing in the neighborhood surrounding the College's campus.

The vision for the 19th Street Experience is one of creating a vibrant social, cultural and retail mecca just five blocks from the College campus that is a value to students of the College and the community at large. We have all experienced entertaining areas in other cities, such as South Street in Philadelphia, the streets in Manayunk--even Main Street in Bethlehem. We have the makings of this experience right here--surrounding 19th Street.

While the focus of this effort is to creatively tap into limited resources to foster a vision and momentum toward helping to create a vibrant area of our city, the other reality is that if the 19th Street area does not prosper it will slowly evolve into one of the many urban challenges Allentown has--again just five blocks from the College.

To both help with the planning and to show tangible action, a marketing map of the area has developed a listing of 113 businesses. A merchant passport discount program has been started, and a street fair on Saturday will encourage Muhlenberg students and the Allentown community to rediscover the 19th Street area.

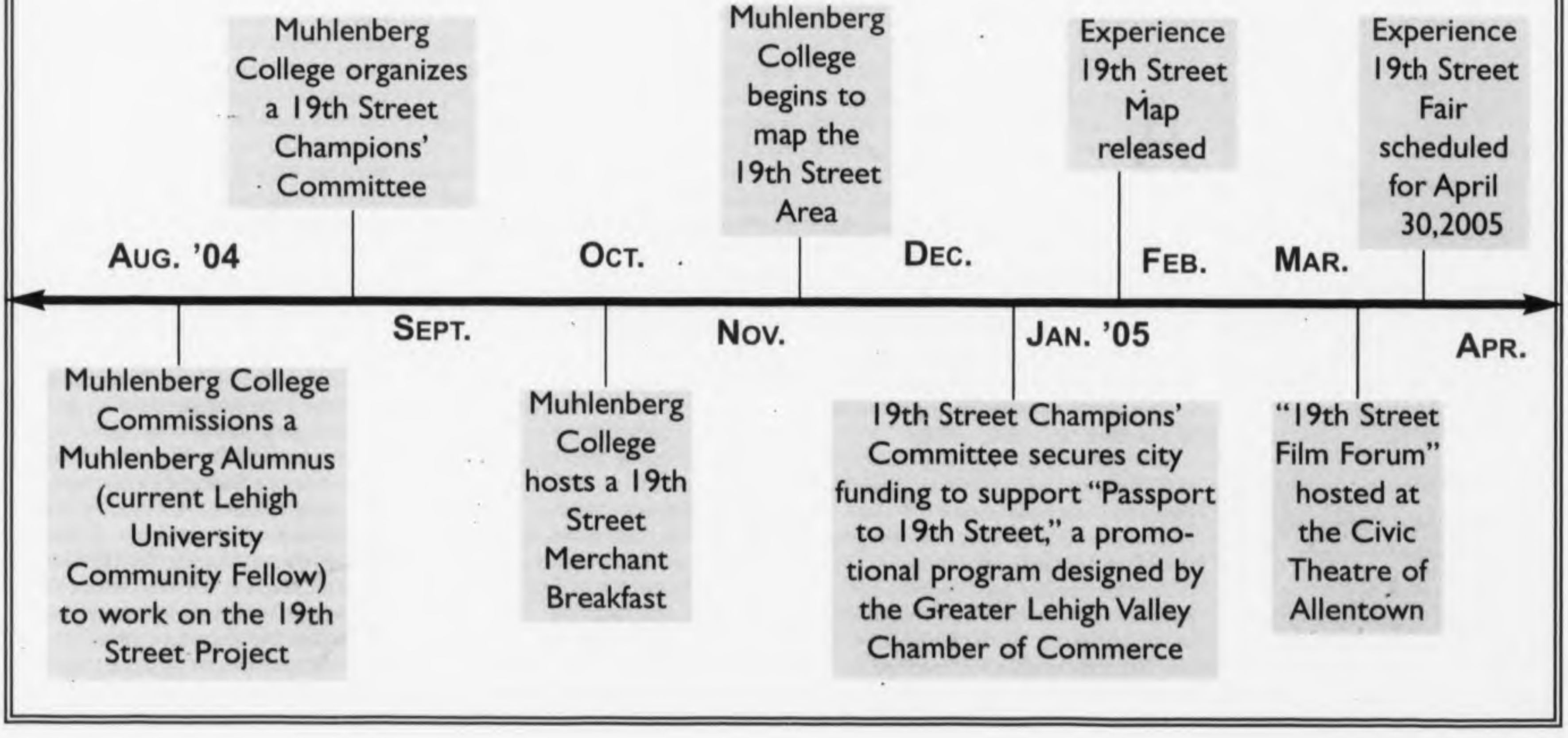
In addition, film festivals, adding the 19th Street area on the College shuttle schedule, and listing of the 19th Street initiative on the College and various community web pages are current actions that have shown progress and commitment to this initiative.

The College is represented on the 19th Street Champions Committee by Randy Helm, President of the College, Mike Bruckner, VP of Public Relations, Bill Greenwald '56 and Bob Wood, Trustee. A recent Wescoe School graduate, Tom Carr, was the administrative force behind our accomplishments to date.

Our next actions include working with real-estate agents to put the 19th Street area on their radar screen and to target specific groups of business needed in the area per the student survey. We are also in the embryonic stages of forming a 19th Street area Merchant's Association, which then enables the group to apply for streetscape grants, economic development initiatives and aesthetic improvements.

Next time you visit campus, walk or drive down to 19th Street. You will have a nice experience, and we are sure you will be able to envision the area's potential for the benefit of our community and our college. Whether students stop to grab a coffee at Anylise's Hava Java, or get a little daring and go for a piercing at the Quillian, students of the College have the opportunity to explore an area that is close to their own home away from home.

19TH STREET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TIMELINE


AUG. '04
Muhlenberg College Commissions a Muhlenberg Alumnus (current Lehigh University Community Fellow) to work on the 19th Street Project
Muhlenberg College organizes a 19th Street Champions' Committee
SEPT.
OCT.
Muhlenberg College hosts a 19th Street Merchant Breakfast
NOV.
Muhlenberg College begins to map the 19th Street Area
DEC.
JAN. '05
19th Street Champions' Committee secures city funding to support "Passport to 19th Street," a promotional program designed by the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce
FEB.
Experience 19th Street Map released
MAR.
"19th Street Film Forum" hosted at the Civic Theatre of Allentown
APR.
Experience 19th Street Fair scheduled for April 30,2005